



East Cleveland residents watch the scene Sunday, July 21, 2013, close to where three bodies were recently found in East Cleveland, Ohio. The bodies, believed to be female, were found about 100 to 200 yards (90 to 180 meters) apart, and a 35-year-old man was arrested and is a suspect in all three deaths, though he has not yet been charged, East Cleveland Mayor Gary Norton said Saturday.

(AP Photo/Tony Dejak)

Mayor: "Lots of reasons" to suspect more bodies

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Associated Press

EAST CLEVELAND, Ohio

(AP) — Searchers rummaging through vacant houses in a neighborhood where three bodies were found wrapped in plastic bags should be prepared to find one or two more victims, the police chief of a Cleveland suburb said Sunday. Police Chief Ralph Spotts told the volunteers to brace

themselves for the smell of rotting bodies and to look out for trash bags that might conceal a body. He declined to elaborate on his comments about the possible one or two additional victims. When asked about Spotts' remark, East Cleveland Mayor Gary Norton said authorities have "lots of reasons" to suspect there are more victims, but he re-

fused to say why.

A 35-year-old registered sex offender in custody is a suspect in the deaths, Norton said. The suspect, who was arrested Friday after a police standoff, has indicated he might have been influenced by Cleveland serial killer Anthony Sowell, who was convicted in 2011 of killing 11 women and sentenced to death, Norton said.

"He said some things that led us to believe that in some way, shape, or form, Sowell might be an influence," Norton told The Associated Press.

The man has not been charged. A report of a foul odor emanating from a home led police to the discovery of the first body, found in a garage, and to the suspect. Two other bodies were found Saturday —

one in a backyard and the other in the basement of a vacant house. The bodies, all female, were found about 100 to 200 yards (90 to 180 meters) apart, and authorities say the victims were killed in the last six to 10 days. The bodies were each in the fetal position, wrapped in several layers of trash bags, Norton said.

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Pope, in an angered Brazil, to focus on social justice

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RIO DE JANEIRO - A month ago, hundreds of thousands of young people took to the streets of Brazil to protest corruption, wasteful government spending, bad schools and hospitals, police brutality, and other abuses of power. On Monday, Pope Francis, in his first venture abroad, will dive into the middle of that ferment when he begins a weeklong visit to the world's largest Roman Catholic country.

"This is a crucial moment for the church, the nation, society and the people, heightened by the fact this is Francis' first trip," said Fernando Altemeyer Jr., a theologian and philosopher at the Pontifical Catholic University in São Paulo. "Brazil has changed and things are bubbling, but there is no clarity. Everything is new and unknown, in the country and the church, even for the bishops."

Francis has endorsed the protests in general terms, and, according to European news reports, will do so again more emphatically and specifically this week. Church officials here declined to confirm those reports, but they said that two Brazilian cardinals, Cláudio Hummes and Raymond Damasceno Assis, have been working closely with the Vatican to assure that Francis' declarations on social justice here will convey sympathy both for the protest demands and those involved in the movement.

"The pope will certainly have words about the issues the young people have raised, their dissatisfaction or searches but also their great desire to participate in change," Cardinal Odilo Pedro Scherer, the archbishop of São Paulo, said last week. "They can expect from Pope Francis words that will orient and aid them."

The trip, whose nominal purpose is to have the pope meet with and speak to participants at the World Youth Day, a conference of Catholic youth here,

was originally planned for Benedict XVI, Francis' predecessor. Initially there was speculation that the new pope might cancel because of the scandals he is confronting at the Vatican. But the Argentine-born Francis seems to see a visit here as a way to direct attention on the gospel of social justice that he has said he wants to make the focus of his papacy.

"If he is to do what he wants to do, he needs to keep media attention focused on what he is do-

ing and saying," said John Thavis, author of "The Vatican Diaries" and a former Rome bureau chief for the Catholic News Service. "This puts him back in the world spotlight, and I suspect we are going to hear a lot not just about the Brazilian situation, but the world situation, the divide between the rich and poor and the church's social teaching."

Previous papal visits, by Pope John Paul II and Benedict, were marked by doctrinal disputes and

veiled verbal skirmishes between advocates of the theology of liberation, which mixes the gospel and political activism on behalf of the poor and persecuted, and the Vatican hierarchy, which sees the movement as tainted by Marxism. As archbishop of Buenos Aires, Francis never showed much sympathy for liberation theology, but since he assumed the papacy, signs abound that a truce is now in effect, at least temporarily.

"These are different times,

times that are not as obstinate or intransigent," said the Rev. José Oscar Beozzo, a historian of the Catholic church in Latin America and a supporter of liberation theology. "The era of military dictatorships, of the pope wagging a finger at a priest in Nicaragua, those are over. We live now in times that permit one to see things with less ideological distortion." Barely a month after becoming pope, Francis took a symbolically important step that liberation theologians here and elsewhere in Latin America interpreted as a peace offering. The beatification of Bishop Óscar Romero, a Salvadoran who was killed by a right-wing death squad in 1980 and is considered a martyr by many disciples of liberation theology, had been frozen since 2005, the year Benedict assumed the papacy, but Francis almost immediately ordered it reopened. Liberation theologians often critical of Vatican policies have responded in kind, led by Leonardo Boff, a former Franciscan priest who in 1985 was ordered not to write or speak publicly for a year because of his positions by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, headed at the time by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, the future Benedict. □



Women take photos of a sand sculpture that resembles Pope Francis in Copacabana beach, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on Sunday, July 21, 2013. Pope Francis, the 76-year-old Argentine who became the church's first pontiff from the Americas in March, will arrive Monday to Brazil to preside over the Roman Catholic Church's World Youth Day festival.

(AP Photo/Victor R. Caivano)

G20 finance ministers aim for more growth

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Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — The Group of 20's finance ministers said this weekend their countries consider strengthening economic growth and creating jobs to be top priorities.

In a communique at the end of their meeting in Moscow, the ministers noted that although there are signs of stronger economies in the United States and Japan, the group of 17 European Union countries that use the euro continues to suffer from recession and that economic growth in emerging markets is comparatively slow. The ministers also said they were "mindful of the risks

and unintended negative side effects of extended periods of monetary easing."

They did not directly address the situation in the U.S., where speculation that the Federal Reserve may soon wind down its bond-buying program has roiled markets around the world — especially in developing economies.

In a separate statement, IMF head Christine Lagarde said the meeting saw constructive discussions on "the spillover effects of monetary policies, the implications of recent market volatility, and the need for balanced and credible fiscal strategies."

"The global economy

remains too weak and unemployment is too high in many countries," she said. "There has also been an increase in financial market volatility and tightening of financial conditions."

The G-20 communique called on members "to ensure that international and our own tax rules do not allow or encourage multinational enterprises to reduce overall taxes paid by artificially shifting profits to low-tax jurisdictions."

Over the weekend the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development unveiled a 15-point plan for a united front to fight tax avoidance by multinational companies. If adopted, the measures

would close loopholes and allow countries to tax profits held in offshore subsidiaries. It would also target such practices as deducting the same expense more than once, in more than one country.

At a summit last month in Northern Ireland, leaders of the G-8 countries published sweeping goals for tightening the tax rules on globe-trotting corporations that long have exploited loopholes to shift profits into foreign shelters that charge little tax or none. But that initiative, aimed at forcing the Googles and Apples of the world to pay higher taxes, contained only aspirations, not binding commitments. □

US: Colombian rebels should free ex-Marine

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Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — A former U.S. Marine who Colombia's main insurgency says it "captured" a month ago in a turbulent southeastern region is a tourist, not a member of the U.S. mission, and should be released immediately, Washington's ambassador said Saturday.

A Colombian police general said Kevin Scott Sutay, 26, had entered a hot zone against warnings.

The rebels offered to free Sutay as a good-faith gesture in announcing on their website Friday night that he was in their custody.

The Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, said Sutay had described himself as a 2010-11 veteran of the Afghan conflict who left the armed forces in March.

It did not say how it came to have Sutay but suggested he was "a mercenary." U.S. Ambassador Michael McKinley denied that and also said Sutay was not an active member of the military.

"We understand that (he) was on a trip as a private citizen through Latin America," the ambassador told reporters when questioned about Sutay after attending a Mass marking Colombia's independence day. "He is a citizen who has nothing to do with Colombia's internal conflict."

The chief of Colombia's anti-kidnapping police, Gen Humberto Guatibonza, told The Associated Press that Sutay had spent from June 11-13 in the Las Palmas hotel in San Jose del Guaviare, where a Colombian military base is located, then attempted land travel to Puerto Inirida, capital of the eastern state of Guainia on Venezuela's border.

Guatibonza said Sutay wouldn't heed the advice of hotel workers to fly to Puerto Inirida so they notified the police. He described Sutay as a thin, tall man with a military-style haircut. □

Pioneering journalist Helen Thomas dies at 92

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Helen Thomas, a pioneer for women in journalism who used her seat in the front row of history to grill nine U.S. presidents and refused to keep her strong opinions to herself, died Saturday. She was 92.

Thomas died surrounded by family and friends at her Washington apartment on Saturday, the family said in a statement. A friend, Muriel Dobbin, told The Associated Press that Thomas had been ill for a long time,

which had started in 1943 and made her one of the best known journalists in Washington. On a videotape circulated on the Internet, Thomas, whose parents were Lebanese immigrants, said Israelis should "get out of Palestine" and "go home" to Germany, Poland or the United States. The remark brought down widespread condemnation and she ended her career.

In January 2011, she became a columnist for a free weekly paper in a Washington suburb, months after

peevish with a journalist who had challenged President George W. Bush to his face on the Iraq war and declared him the worst president in history.

After she quit UPI in 2000 — by then an outsized figure in a shrunken organization — her influence waned. Thomas was accustomed to getting under the skin of presidents, if not to the cold shoulder.

"If you want to be loved," she said years earlier, "go into something else."

There was a lighter mood in August 2009, on her 89th

birthday, when she became the first female White House bureau chief for a wire service when UPI named her to the position in 1974. She was also the first female officer at the National Press Club, where women had once been barred as members and she had to fight for admission into the 1959 luncheon speech where Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev warned: "We will bury you."

The belligerent Khrushchev was an unlikely ally in one sense. He had refused to speak at any Washington venue that excluded women, she said.

She also pushed open the doors for women at the White House Correspondents' Association dinner. At her urging, Kennedy refused to attend the 1962 dinner unless it was open to women for the first time. The tactic worked.

More than a decade later, Thomas was the first woman to serve as the association's president.

Born in Winchester, Kentucky, to Lebanese immigrants, Thomas was the seventh of nine children. It was in high school, after working on the student newspaper, that she decided she wanted to become a reporter.

After graduating from Detroit's Wayne University (now Wayne State University), Thomas headed straight for the nation's capital. She landed a \$17.50-a-week position as a copy girl, with duties that included fetching coffee and doughnuts for editors at the Washington Daily News.

United Press — later United Press International — soon hired her to write local news stories for the radio wire. Her assignments were relegated at first to women's news, society items and celebrity profiles.

Her big break came after the 1960 election that sent Kennedy to the White House, and landed Thomas her first assignment related to the presidency.

She was sent to Palm Beach, Florida, to cover the vacation of the president-elect and his family. □



In this Aug. 4, 2009, file photo, veteran White House reporter Helen Thomas, left, celebrates her 89th birthday with President Barack Obama, celebrating his 48th birthday, in the White House Press Briefing Room in Washington. Thomas, a pioneer for women in journalism and an irrepressible White House correspondent, has died Saturday, July 20, 2013. She was 92.

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and in and out of the hospital before coming home Thursday.

The longtime White House correspondent made her name as a bulldog for United Press International in the great wire-service rivalries of old. She was the only reporter with her name inscribed on a chair in the White House briefing room. Her refusal to conceal her opinions, even when posing questions to a president, and her public hostility toward Israel, caused discomfort among colleagues.

In 2010, that tendency finally ended a career

the controversy forced her from her previous post.

"What made Helen the 'dean of the White House Press Corps' was not just the length of her tenure, but her fierce belief that our democracy works best when we ask tough questions and hold our leaders to account," President Barack Obama, the last president she covered, said in a statement Saturday. Thomas' disdain for White House secrecy and dodging spanned five decades, back to President John F. Kennedy.

The Bush administration marginalized her, clearly

birthday, when Obama popped into the White House briefing room unannounced. He led the roomful of reporters in singing "Happy Birthday to You" and gave her cupcakes. As it happened, it was the president's birthday too, his 48th.

Thomas was at the forefront of women's achievements in journalism. She was one of the first female reporters to break out of the White House "women's beat" — the soft stories about presidents' kids, wives, their teas and their hairdos — and cover the hard news on an equal footing with men.



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GRIZZLY DISCOVERY SHOCKS CLEVELAND

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He said detectives continue to interview the suspect, who used his mother's address in Cleveland in registering as a sex offender, the mayor said.

"The person in custody, some of the things he said to investigators made us go back today," the mayor said.

Cuyahoga County medical examiner Dr. Thomas P. Gilson said Sunday that the bodies were all female and in advanced stages of decomposition. He said that it would take several

days to identify them and determine how they died. The police chief told volunteers, including community anti-crime activists, to watch for missing floor boards as they looked inside houses.

"The MO of each body we've found so far was wrapped up in a lot of garbage bags, so if you see anything ... and it might not look like it's a body, but it could be — because each bag, the way he had each person was in a fetal position," Spotts told searchers. "It didn't look like a person could actually fit in the bag."



Calvin Brooks, a member of Black on Black Crime, a community group which holds rallies and is heavily involved in neighborhoods, searches a home Sunday, July 21, 2013, in East Cleveland, Ohio. Police Chief Ralph Spotts told volunteers checking vacant houses in a neighborhood where three bodies were found wrapped in plastic bags that he believes there could be one or two more victims.

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One neighbor, Nathenia Crosby, said she was familiar with the suspect and had seen him walking through the neighborhood. She said she had told him to stop talking to her daughter and warned him after seeing him talk to her cousin.

"It's very scary, especially when he used to be talking to my daughter," said Crosby, 48. The police, FBI, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department went through yards and abandoned houses over about three blocks Saturday and used dogs trained to find cadavers.

They planned to expand the search Sunday.

The neighborhood in East Cleveland, which has some 17,000 residents, has many abandoned houses and authorities want to be thorough, the mayor said. It's the third recent high-profile case in the Cleveland area that involves missing women. In May, three women who separately vanished a

decade ago were found captive in a run-down house. Ariel Castro, a former school bus driver, has pleaded not guilty to nearly 1,000 counts of kidnap, rape and other crimes.

Castro is accused of repeatedly restraining the women, sometimes chaining them to a pole in a basement, to a bedroom heater or inside a van. The charges say one of the women tried to escape and he assaulted her with a vacuum cord around her neck. He also fathered a daughter with one captive, authorities said.

In 2009, Sowell was arrested after a woman escaped from his house and said she had been raped there. Police found the mostly nude bodies of 11 women throughout the home.

Sowell's victims ranged in age from 24 to 52, all were recovering or current drug addicts and most died of strangulation; some had been decapitated, and others were so badly decomposed that coroners couldn't say with certainty how they died. □

Michigan governor says bankruptcy the right choice



Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder, right, and state-appointed emergency manager Kevyn Orr leave a news conference in Detroit after addressing the city's bankruptcy. The decision to make Detroit the largest U.S. city to file for bankruptcy protection was tough to make, but it was the right one, Snyder said Sunday, July 21, 2013, as he and Orr made the television talk show rounds.

(AP Photo/Carlos Osorio)

DETROIT (AP) — It wasn't easy making Detroit the largest U.S. city to file for bankruptcy protection, but it was the right decision, Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder said Sunday as he, the city's mayor and its emergency manager made the television talk show rounds. Snyder, a Republican, gave his blessing to emergency manager Kevyn Orr's decision to file for bankruptcy for Detroit on Thursday. The state hired Orr in March to fix Detroit's ballooning debt and more than \$300 million budget deficit. He is a turnaround specialist and represented automaker Chrysler LLC during its successful restructuring.

"We looked through every other viable option," Snyder said on CBS television's "Face the Nation."

"The debt question needs to be addressed. But even more important is the accountability to the citizens of Detroit," said Snyder. "They are not getting the

services they deserve and they haven't for a very long time. So this can has been getting kicked down the road for decades. Enough is enough and now's the time to turn it around."

On NBC's "Meet the Press," Snyder said if Detroit's restructuring proves successful, the city could roar back stronger than before.

"We're moving now on improving Detroit," he added.

Orr laid out his plans in a June meeting with debt holders, in which his team warned there was a 50-50 chance of a bankruptcy filing. The city then stopped paying \$2.5 billion in unsecured debt to "conserve cash" for police, fire and other services.

Orr has said Detroit's long-term debt burden could be as much as \$20 billion.

Over the past six decades, Detroit's population has shrunk from 1.8 million to about 700,000. The city has about 10,000 active public

workers and 18,000 retired ones who are still owed pension and health benefits.

The costs of health care and pension contributions over the years have outpaced the revenue Detroit was bringing in from property and business taxes and other sources. The city has been unable to make those contributions and pay current payroll and other bills.

Funds that cover retiree health coverage are underfunded by about \$5.7 billion. Ones that cover pension obligations are underfunded by about \$3.5 billion.

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Washington push on wages has Wal-Mart balking

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WASHINGTON - An attempt by Washington's City Council to force profitable chain stores to pay much higher wages than the city's minimum has infuriated Wal-Mart, which is threatening to pull out of up to six planned stores.

Mayor Vincent C. Gray, who worked hard to lure Wal-Mart, finds himself caught in the middle, and many residents sound less than grateful to the lawmakers who claim to be looking out for them.

"Those big people in government, they don't understand my situation," said Fred Reaves, 45, who is unemployed and said he would gladly take a job at



Carl Williams, a barber near the proposed site of a new Walmart store, cuts 9-year-old Larry Prophet's hair in Washington, July 18, 2013. Williams said he would not hesitate to encourage his daughters to take a Walmart job at the lower wage.

(T.J. Kirkpatrick/The New York Times)

the current city minimum, \$8.25.

"Eight-something, it'll motivate you to start going to

work," Reaves said as he stood around the Skyland Town Center, a patch of barren asphalt and shut-

tered stores where Wal-Mart planned to build. "You can start paying some bills. It will help you to come off public assistance."

On July 10, the City Council passed a "living wage" measure that would require Wal-Mart to pay at least \$12.50 an hour, saying it was fighting to protect struggling residents in what has become a high-cost city.

The paradox for the city's lawmakers is that in neighborhoods where some of the stores are planned, the economic picture can appear very different from the view from government offices that contemplate a skyline of construction cranes and a booming economy.

Supporters of the measure say that Wal-Mart, whose revenues in 2012 were \$469 billion, can well afford to pay workers more.

"Their net income was \$17 billion," said Vincent Orange, a city councilman who voted for the ordinance. "You don't want to share a little bit with the citizens? Come on."

A decade ago, the city gave tax breaks to lure retailers, Orange said, but now it is booming and can negotiate from strength.

The day before the City Council passed the measure, a Wal-Mart regional official warned in an op-ed article in The Washington Post that if required to pay \$12.50 an hour, the company would cancel three planned stores and consider withdrawing from three other projects already under construction.

The next move is up to Gray, who is weighing a veto.

Officially the mayor has taken no position, but he is widely seen as opposed to

the measure. The Council has delayed formally sending it to his desk for action. Supporters are said to be working behind the scenes to muscle one of five council members who voted against it to switch sides, providing a ninth vote that could override any veto.

The measure, called the Large Retailer Accountability Act, would require stores of at least 75,000 square feet that are owned by companies with \$1 billion or more in annual revenue to pay the higher minimum wage. Because existing stores and those with union contracts are exempt, it is seen as squarely aimed at Wal-Mart.

In recent years as Wal-Mart, the world's largest retailer, has saturated suburban markets, it has sought inroads to major cities. It has often faced resistance from local merchants, who fear being undercut, and from officials who say minimum-wage jobs mire workers in poverty.

Democrats on the House of Representatives workforce committee produced a report this spring contending that the government subsidizes Wal-Mart because employees earn so little that they qualify for Medicaid, food stamps and housing assistance.

Pedro Ribeiro, a spokesman for Gray, argued the opposite: Minimum-wage jobs help the chronically unemployed take a first step into the workforce, reducing the cost of the social safety net.

"Yes, Wal-Mart jobs are not great," Ribeiro said. "But for some people, it will be their first employment and they're not qualified to do anything else. We need that entry-level benchmark in the District." □

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Stand-ground law repeals unlikely despite outcry

CURT ANDERSON

AP Legal Affairs Writer
MIAMI (AP) — Despite an outcry from civil rights groups, a call for close examination by President Barack Obama and even a 1960s-style sit-in at the Florida governor's office, the jury's verdict that a former neighborhood watch volunteer was justified in shooting an unarmed black teenager is unlikely to spur change to any of the stand-your-ground self-defense laws in U.S. states. At least 22 states have laws similar to that in Florida, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Many are conservative and lean toward laws that defend gun owners' rights. So far, there does not appear to be an appetite in Florida or other states to repeal or change the laws, which generally eliminate a person's duty to retreat in the face of a serious physical threat.

In fact, some states are moving in the opposite direction.

Since Florida jury's verdict, the Republican governors of Florida, Arizona and Georgia have all reiterated their support of stand-your-ground laws.

"The debate about stand-your-ground laws largely reproduces existing divisions in American politics, particularly between blacks and whites and between Democrats and Republicans," said John Sides, associate professor of political science at George Washington University.

George Zimmerman, a 29-year-old former neighborhood watch volunteer, was acquitted this month of second-degree murder and manslaughter charges in the 2012 shooting of



Gloria Willis, right, uses a bullhorn as she leads a march protesting the George Zimmerman verdict in downtown Riverside, Calif. The Rev. Al Sharpton's National Action Network organized "Justice for Trayvon" rallies nationwide to press for federal civil rights charges against Zimmerman, who was found not guilty in the shooting death of unarmed black teenager Trayvon Martin. (AP Photo/The Press-Enterprise, David Bauman)

17-year-old Trayvon Martin in a gated community in Sanford, Florida. Zimmerman told police he shot Martin only after the African-American teenager physically attacked him; Martin's family and supporters say Zimmerman, who identifies himself as Hispanic, racially profiled Martin as a potential criminal and wrongly followed him.

Zimmerman's lawyers decided not to pursue a pretrial immunity hearing allowed by Florida's stand-your-ground law. But jurors were told in final instructions by Circuit Judge Debra Nelson that they should acquit Zimmerman if they found "he had no duty to retreat and had the right to stand his ground and meet force with force, including deadly force if he reasonably believed that it was necessary."

Before Florida's stand-your-ground law was passed in 2005, the instruction would have read that Zimmerman "cannot justify his use of force likely to cause death or great bodily harm if by retreating he could

have avoided the need to use that force."

Since the law was enacted, justifiable homicides in Florida have risen from an annual average of 13.2 between 2001 and 2005 to an average of 42 between 2006 and 2012, including a record 66 in 2012, according to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. FBI data have shown similar increases in some states that enacted similar laws, such as Texas, while others haven't seen an uptick. Beyond Florida, these states have some form of a stand-your-ground law, according to the national group: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona,

Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and West Virginia.

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, in a speech last week to the convention of the NAACP civil rights organization in Orlando, Florida, said the Martin shooting demonstrates a need to re-examine stand-your-ground laws nationwide. He said they "senselessly expand the concept of self-defense" and increase the possibility of deadly confrontations. □

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Russian region says militants flocking to Syria

MAKHACHKALA, Russia (AP) — The leader of a restive province in Russia's Caucasus Mountains says local Islamic militants are fighting alongside rebels in Syria and could further destabilize their home region when they return. Ramazan Abdulatipov, the acting president of the province of Dagestan, said in remarks posted on his website Sunday that the "export of extremists" should be prevented by making it hard for militants to leave Russia. "These people go there and they will come back tomorrow with the backing of international extremist and terrorist organizations," Abdulatipov said during a meeting with local officials Friday. Andrei Konin, the head of the regional branch of Russia's



Bodies of dead militants lie on a highway at Gubden, in Russian republic of Dagestan. Ramazan Abdulatipov, the acting president of the province of Dagestan, urged local authorities on Sunday, July 21, 2013 to prevent the "export of extremists," and make it hard for militants to leave Russia. (AP Photo/Abdula Magomedov)

Federal Security Service, the main KGB successor agency, told the meeting that about 200 residents of Dagestan are currently in Syria, and some of them are fighting alongside rebels. Konin said many people from Dagestan go to Syria for studies but end up in

rebel ranks to join what they consider a jihad or holy war. Russia has been the key ally of Syrian President Bashar Assad, protecting him from the United Nations sanctions and providing him with weapons in the civil war, which has killed more than 93,000 people since

March 2011.

Some observers have voiced concern that militants from the Caucasus who joined the Syrian rebels could try to take revenge against Russia for its support of Assad and try to strike 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi. Russian officials have pledged to

make the games "the safest Olympics in history," but security experts warn that the Islamist insurgency that has spread across Russia's North Caucasus after two separatist wars in Chechnya could threaten Sochi, located about 500 kilometers (300 miles) west of Dagestan. □

20 dead in Syrian market mortar shelling

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Associated Press
AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — Government troops fired mortar rounds that slammed into a main market in a town in northern Syria on Sunday, killing at least 20 civilians, activist groups said. The mortar shells struck the town of Ariha, which is held mostly by opposition fighters, a few hours ahead of iftar, the meal that breaks the dawn-to-dusk fast during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

The U.K.-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and the Local Coordination Committees, two opposition groups tracking the violence in Syria, said at least 20 people were killed including two children and two women. It was not immediately clear what triggered the shelling. Also Sunday, state media said government forces killed nearly 50 rebels in an ambush near Damascus. Separately, Kurdish rebels freed the local commander of an al-Qaida-linked group in a town near Syria's

northern border with Turkey in return for 300 Kurdish civilians detained by the group, as part of an agreement to end rebel infighting that erupted a day earlier in the region. The commander in the town of Tal Abyad, who is known as Abu Musaab, was captured during intense fighting between the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant and Kurdish militants late Saturday, the Observatory said. The Islamic fighters retaliated by rounding up civilians believed to be relatives of the Kurdish

fighters to hold as bargaining chips. Infighting between al-Qaida militants and more mainstream Syrian rebels, as well as between Kurds and Arabs, has grown more common in Syria in recent weeks — part of a power struggle that is undermining their efforts to topple President Bashar Assad. Kurdish gunmen have been fighting to expel al-Qaida militants — many of whom are foreign fighters — from the northeastern province of Hassakeh over the past week. □

US Treasury Secretary Lew in Greece for financial talks

DEMETRIS NELLAS
Associated Press
ATHENS, Greece (AP) — U.S. Treasury Secretary Jack Lew urged Greece on Sunday to continue its efforts to stabilize its debt-ridden economy and capitalize on the sacrifices already made "to ensure prosperity and growth for generations to come." Lew was on a one-day visit to Greece after attending a Group of 20 summit in Russia. In an hour-long meeting with Finance Minister Yannis Stournaras, Lew discussed Greece's austerity program, its long-term prospects, and visits the so-called troika of Greece's creditors — the European Commission, the European Central Bank and the International Monetary Fund — have made to Greece, said Dimitris Kanellisa, a Finance Ministry spokesman. Later, Lew met with Prime Minister Antonis Samaras at an unusual setting, the Acropolis Museum, not the Greek leader's office.

Samaras is due to meet President Barack Obama in Washington next month. "Our talks focused on the obvious challenges of stability and growth," Samaras told reporters before he and Lew dined under the Acropolis. "We need stability in the region to boost growth, which for us means jobs, investment opportunities and prosperity." Lew said the U.S. is closely following Greece's efforts to end its economic crisis. "We recognize the difficult decisions and sheer sacrifices made by Greece in the past few years, as well as the challenges that remain," he said. □

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Israelis, Palestinians skeptical about peace talks



A Palestinian boy sprays a woman with a water pistol at al-Aqsa Mosque compound during a holy Muslim month of Ramadan in Jerusalem.

(AP Photo/Mahmoud Illean)

ARON HELLER
Associated Press
JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli and Palestinian officials voiced skepticism Sunday that they can move toward

a peace deal, as the sides inched toward what may be the first round of significant negotiations in five years. U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry announced late

last week that an agreement has been reached that establishes the basis for resuming peace talks. He cautioned that such an agreement still needs to be formalized, suggesting that gaps remain. In his first on-camera comment Sunday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu appeared to lower expectations by saying the talks will be tough and any agreement would have to be ratified by Israelis in a national referendum. Netanyahu pledged to insist on Israel's security needs above all — saying his main guiding principles will be to maintain a Jewish majority in Israel and avoid a future Palestinian state in the West Bank becoming

an Iranian-backed "terror state."

A lifelong hawk, Netanyahu has been a reluctant latecomer to the idea of Palestinian statehood, and his critics say he uses the pretext of security to avoid engaging in good-faith negotiations.

"I am committed to two objectives that must guide the result — if there will be a result.

And if there will be a result, it will be put to a national referendum," he said at the start of his weekly Cabinet meeting.

"It won't be easy. But we are entering the talks with integrity, honesty, and hope that this process is handled responsibly, seriously and to the point." □

Iranian diplomat kidnapped in Yemen

AHMED AL-HAJ
Associated Press
SANAA, Yemen (AP) — Gunmen on Sunday kidnapped an Iranian diplomat who was driving his car in the capital, Sanaa, a Yemeni official said. Iran condemned the abduction. The official said armed men stopped the diplomat's car and forced him into their vehicle before speeding away. He did not disclose the diplomat's name or any further details, saying the incident is under investigation. The official said traffic at the time of the kidnapping was light. In Tehran, a Yemeni diplo-

mat was summoned to the Foreign Ministry to receive a formal protest, Iranian state TV reported. Salehi condemned the kidnapping and called for serious action by Yemeni government to free the Iranian diplomat, the TV report said, without identifying him.

Yemen President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi has demanded in the past that Iran's leadership stop meddling in his country, a warning repeated by Washington. Yemeni officials have seized weapons caches they say were exported from Iran and aimed at destabilizing their country. □

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Iran's top leader urges caution in dealing with US

ALI AKBAR DAREINI

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's top leader said Sunday he has not prohibited talks with the U.S. but urged caution with any possible dialogue, describing the American government as untrustworthy.

The U.S. and Iran are in deep disagreement over Tehran's nuclear program. The U.S. and the West have imposed punishing economic sanctions to press Iran to stop enrichment of uranium, fearing that the process could lead to production of nuclear weapons. Iran denies that intention.

"I said earlier this year that I'm not optimistic about

talks with the U.S.," said Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, "although I

didn't prohibit dialogue on specific issues such as Iraq in the past years." He told

outgoing President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and other top government officials in Tehran, "Americans are untrustworthy and illogical. They are not honest in their dealings."

Iran's president-elect, Hasan Rouhani, has pledged to follow a path of moderation and interaction with the outside world. Khamenei said Iran must determine the goals of its adversaries. Otherwise it will suffer, he said.

"We've always believed and continue to believe in interaction with the world but the important point is to understand the other party and determine its goals and tactics, because we will be tripped up if we

don't understand them correctly," Khamenei said in comments posted on his website late Sunday.

"The art in interaction with the world is to continue your path without the other party being able to stop you. If interaction with the world causes retreat from the path, it is a loss," he said.

Rouhani, who won a landslide victory in the June 14 presidential election, will be sworn in Aug. 4. Iran has sent invitations to world leaders to attend his inauguration.

Rouhani's election has revived hopes for easing of tensions with the West as well as possible direct talks with the U.S. □



Supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei delivers his speech in a meeting with top government officials, in Tehran, Iran, Sunday, July 21, 2013. Iran's top leader says he has not prohibited talks with the U.S. but urged caution with any possible dialogue with Washington.

(AP Photo/Office of the Supreme Leader)

20 cars torched near Paris after veil tensions

NICOLAS GARRIGA

Associated Press

TRAPPES, France (AP) — Riot police patrolled Sunday in suburbs west of Paris that have seen cars torched and a police station attacked amid tensions linked to authorities' handling of France's ban on Muslim face veils.

Some 20 cars were set ablaze overnight and four people detained in a second night of violence, officials said Sunday. Interior Minister Manuel Valls said the overnight incidents

targeted the town of Elan-court. The second night of unrest seemed less intense and appeared to involve fewer people than the night before, when some 250 people clashed with police in the nearby town of Trappes. Still, the interior

minister insisted in a statement that extra police will remain deployed in the area Sunday night and stay as long as needed until calm returns. The violence evoked memories of weeks of car torchings and clashes with police in neglected neighborhoods around France in 2005. That rioting was sparked by the deaths of two teens who were electrocuted while hiding from police, as people around the country — many of them jobless youth from poor, immigrant backgrounds — unleashed pent-up frustrations on police and public property. While the government has poured money into projects to solve some of the problems that led to that rioting, tensions remain.

The violence began Friday after a group of residents gathered at the police station to protest the arrest of a man whose wife was ticketed Thursday for wearing a face veil. The regional prosecutor said the

husband tried to strangle the officer who was doing the ticketing. France has barred face veils since 2011. Proponents of the ban argue the veil oppresses women and contradicts France's principles of secularism, which are enshrined in the constitution. The ban affects only a very small minority of French Muslims, but some say it feeds discrimination against moderate Muslims, too.

On the first night of unrest in Trappes, a 14-year-old boy and three police officers were injured and several people detained.

On the second night, "The beginning of the night was calm, nothing happened. But in the second part of the night, a small group formed. About 50 assailants were involved, they started to fight against police and burned vehicles and garbage and public goods," David Callu of the SGP police union told reporters Sunday. □



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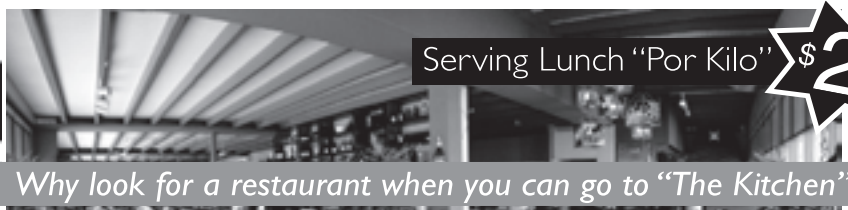
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Captain Francesco Schettino touches his chin during a pause of his trial, in the court room of the converted Teatro Moderno theater, in Grosseto, Italy. Five employees were convicted Saturday of manslaughter in the Costa Concordia shipwreck that killed 32 people, receiving sentences of less than three years that lawyers for victims and survivors criticized as too lenient.

(AP Photo/Andrew Medichini)

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Associated Press
GROSSETO, Italy (AP) — Five employees of an Italian cruise company were convicted Saturday of manslaughter in the Costa Concordia shipwreck that killed 32 people, receiving sentences of less than three years that lawyers for victims and survivors criticized as too lenient. The guilty verdicts for multiple manslaughter and negligence were the first reached in the sinking of the cruise liner carrying more than 4,000 crew and passengers near the Tuscan shore in January 2012.

The ship's captain, the only remaining defendant, was denied a plea bargain and is being tried separately. He faces up to 20 years, if convicted of manslaughter, causing the shipwreck and abandoning the ship. On Saturday, lawyers representing the 32 victims of the shipwreck said the sentences of the plea bargain — a fraction of what is usually handed down for manslaughter — were inadequate given the gravity of the disaster. "It seems like a sentence for illegal construction," said lawyer Massimiliano Gabrielli. "It's an embarrassment."

Italy:

5 convicted for Costa Concordia wreck

Another lawyer for victims, Daniele Bocciolini, called the sentences "insufficient" and questioned the prosecutors' hypothesis placing the lion's share of the blame on Capt. Francesco Schettino.

The five employees of the Costa Crociere SpA cruise company were charged for their respective roles in the nautical maneuver that put the ship in peril, evacuation and response to the emergency.

The longest sentence went to the company's crisis coordinator, who was sentenced to two years and 10 months. Concordia's hotel director was sentenced to two years and six months, while two bridge officers

and a helmsman got sentences ranging from one year and eight months to one year and 11 months. The bridge officials and helmsman were also convicted of a charge of causing a shipwreck, in addition to multiple manslaughter and negligence.

The court's reasoning for its decision will be released within 90 days, as is standard in Italy.

Prosecutors accused the crisis coordinator, who wasn't aboard the ship, of downplaying the severity of the emergency and delaying adequate response, while the hotel director was charged for his role in the evacuation, described by passengers as chaotic.

The helmsman was blamed for steering the ship in the wrong direction after Schettino ordered a corrective maneuver.

Prosecutor Francesco Verusio said the convictions confirmed investigators' version of events.

"I don't think there are any more doubts about the responsibility that falls above all on the shoulders of Schettino," Verusio said.

Schettino is charged with manslaughter for causing the shipwreck off the Tuscan island of Giglio and abandoning the vessel with thousands aboard. That trial opened this week, and was continued after two hearings until the end of September. □



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Venezuela: Normalization talks with US halted

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuela says it's ending talks with the United States to restore normal relations because Washington's U.N. ambassador-designate criticized its human rights record. The Foreign Ministry said in a statement late Friday that Samantha Power's remarks compelled it to halt the

process begun in Guatemala last month by its foreign minister, Elias Java, and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry. Power said in Senate confirmation hearings Wednesday that Venezuela is guilty of a "crack-down on civil society," along with Cuba, Iran and Russia. Java and Kerry had said they would fast-track

talks to resume ambassadorial-level ties absent since 2010. Those prospects dimmed after Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro later offered asylum to U.S. leaker Edward Snowden. Kerry subsequently called Java and threatened unspecified action if Snowden wound up in Venezuelan hands. □



Venezuela's Vice President Jorge Arreaza, center, introduces an unidentified Venezuelan official to Chinese President Xi Jinping in Beijing, China, Friday, July 19, 2013. Venezuela says it's ending talks with the United States to restore normal relations over Washington's recent criticism of human rights in Venezuela. (AP Photo/Ng Han Guan)

Pemex duct explodes in Mexico, 6 injured

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican authorities say a 30-inch oil pipeline has exploded in central Mexico state, sending plumes of flame and smoke hundreds of feet into the air and injuring at least six people. State-run Petroleos Mexicanos, or Pemex, says

the explosion and fire in a pipeline in a farm field in Tonanitla was likely caused by illegal tapping. The explosion early Sunday morning occurred in a rural area and did not threaten homes or communities, according to civil protection authorities in Mexico state.

There were no evacuations. Media reports said police and others responding to the fire were among the injured. The supply of crude oil through the pipeline was immediately suspended, Pemex said. □

CARIBBEAN BRIEFS

8 migrant bodies found on Bahamas beach

NASSAU, Bahamas (AP) — Authorities in the Bahamas say they have found the bodies of eight people and a sunken boat near a beach in Grand Bahama island. Police say they believe the victims, including a young boy, were migrants trying to reach the United States. All appear to have drowned, but officials say the cause of death hasn't been confirmed. Officials say six bodies were found Friday at Holmes Rock and two were found near a sunken boat about a half-mile offshore from Grand Bahama. Assistant Police Commissioner Hulan Hanna was quoted in a story Saturday in The Nassau Guardian saying that officials were checking for more bodies in the sunken boat. Hanna did not return a call for comment. Grand Bahama island lies less than 100 miles (161 kilometers) east of Florida.

Puerto Rico judge issues murder case ruling

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — A judge in Puerto Rico has ruled the island is too small to justify moving a high-profile murder trial involving the son of a U.S. federal court judge to another location in the territory. An attorney for Pablo Casellas Toro has said that negative publicity about the case could influence its outcome. Casellas is charged with killing his wife last year at their upscale home, as well as destroying evidence, making a false report and weapons violations. The insurance broker has denied the charges and said he came home to find Carmen Paredes Cintron dead and a man he didn't know escaping over a fence. Casellas is the son of U.S. District Court Judge Salvador Casellas, a former Puerto Rico treasury secretary. Justice officials announced the ruling on Saturday.

Jamaica plans billboards to find missing kids

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Jamaica's government plans to set up electronic billboards to help find missing and abducted children on an island where violence against children is a growing concern. The Office of the Children's Registry said Friday that billboards will be installed in the upcoming months in cities including Kingston, Montego Bay, Ocho Rios and Spanish Town. There are currently more than 1,100 missing children in the island of roughly 2.6 million inhabitants. UNICEF, the United Nations' child welfare agency, said last month that it was extremely concerned about what it described as "unrelenting violence" against youngsters across the island of Jamaica. It said that 40 children were killed in Jamaica last year.

Guyana rejects massive hydropower project

GEORGETOWN, Guyana (AP) — Opposition legislators in Guyana have voted against financing a major hydropower project that the government said would have helped end nearly 40 years of rolling blackouts in the South American country. The opposition said it was concerned about corruption and lack of transparency and that it would not provide additional funding for what lawmakers said was an overpriced \$840 million project in central Guyana. □



Talented Nicky Dekker wins the Next Chef competition



ORANJESTAD -- Tabitha's TV show staged the Next Chef Competition recently, sponsored by Romar Trading, Splenda, imported to Aruba by Manrique Capriles and Anchor butter distributed here by Tec Inc. Nicky Dekker who recently graduated culinary school as Certified Cook, won

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ability and superb taste. While still at school, Nicky Dekker became a full time member of the culinary team of White Modern Cuisine, furthering his practical kitchen experience and continuously showing passion for his trade. Pictured here, some of the decisive moments of the competition. □



At the Divi Phoenix Beach Resort: Loyal visitors honored by Aruba Tourism Authority

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A career round gives Mickelson a claret jug

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

GULLANE, Scotland (AP)

— One of the greatest final rounds in a major. Two of the best shots he ever struck with a 3-wood. The third leg of the Grand Slam. Phil Mickelson never imagined any of this happening at the British Open.

No wonder he never took his hand off the base of that silver claret jug as he talked about the best Sunday he ever had at a major. Five shots out of the lead, Mickelson blew past Tiger Woods, caught up to Lee Westwood and Masters champion Adam Scott, and won golf's oldest championship with the lowest final round in his 80 majors. With four birdies over the last six holes, Mickelson closed with a 5-under 66 for a three-shot win over Henrik Stenson.

No longer is he mystified by links golf, and he has his name etched in that jug to prove it. "This is such an accomplishment for me because I just never knew if I'd be able to develop the game to play links golf effectively," Mickelson said. "To play the best round arguably of my career, to putt better than I've ever putted, to shoot the round of my life ... it feels amazing to win the claret jug."

Introduced as the "champion golfer of the year," he held the oldest trophy in golf over his head to show it off to one side of the massive grandstand lining the 18th green at Muirfield, and then the other. An hour earlier, they gave the 43-year-old Mickelson the loudest ovation of the week as he walked up the final fairway.

He drained an 8-foot birdie putt and thrust his arms in the air, hugged caddie Jim "Bones" Mackay and whispered to him, "I did it." After signing for the lowest fi-



Phil Mickelson of the United States celebrates after his final putt on the 18th green with his caddie Jim Mackay during the final round of the British Open Golf Championship at Muirfield, Scotland, Sunday July 21, 2013.

nal round ever at Muirfield, Mickelson huddled with his wife and three children — back from a quick holiday to Spain — for a long embrace and waited for the others to finish.

Westwood, who started the day with a two-shot lead, fell behind for the first time all day with a bogey on the par-3 13th hole and never

recovered, closing with a 75.

Scott took the outright lead with a 4-foot birdie on the 11th, and then closed as sloppily as he did last year when he threw away the Open at Royal Lytham & St. Annes. He made four straight bogeys starting at the 13th, and a final bogey on the 18th gave him a

72. At least he has a green jacket from the Master to console him.

Woods, in his best position to win a major since the crisis in his personal life, stumbled badly on his way to a 74 and was never a serious challenger.

Associated Press

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Serena Williams poses with the trophy after winning her 53rd WTA title by beating Johanna Larsson, not shown, by 6-4, 6-1 in the final of the Swedish Open on Sunday, July 21, 2013 in Bastad, Sweden.

Serena Williams wins Swedish Open

BASTAD, Sweden (AP) — Serena Williams won her 53rd WTA title by beating Johanna Larsson 6-4, 6-1 in the final of the Swedish Open on Sunday.

The 24-year-old Swede broke to lead 3-1 in the first set before Williams fought back to 3-3. Larsson advanced to 4-3 before caving in to the American's strong serve and losing the next three games.

Williams dominated the second set, breaking Larsson's serve twice.

"It was really good to come here and win after a disappointing Wimbledon so hopefully this confidence will help me for the rest of the year," said Williams, who lost in the fourth round at Wimbledon to Sabine Lisicki.

Larsson said "at the crucial points I wasn't really present, which was a shame." Williams also defeated 76th-ranked Larsson in their only previous match in the Fed Cup earlier this year. □

Fognini saves 3 match points, wins Hamburg final

HAMBURG, Germany (AP) — Fabio Fognini saved three match points before beating Argentine qualifier Federico Delbonis 4-6, 7-6 (8), 6-2 Sunday to win the German Tennis Championships for his second title in two weeks.

The 12th-seeded Italian extended his winning run to 10 matches. He won his first career title last week in Stuttgart, Germany, also on clay. Fognini trailed 4-1 in the second set after losing four straight games following a long discussion with officials over a warning. The Italian changed his racket after breaking a string, but took a long time going to the bench and was given a warning. He then engaged in a long argument with the chair umpire and tournament supervisor and was unable to keep his game together, still muttering during changeovers.

But Fognini finally settled down and rallied to level at 4-4. Delbonis squandered three match points in the tiebreaker on errors before Fognini converted his first set point. Fognini quickly took control of the decisive set but failed to serve out the match at 5-1. Delbonis led 40-0



Italy's Fabio Fognini celebrates after he won the final match of the bet-at-home ATP tennis tournament against Argentina's Federico Delbonis in Hamburg, Germany Sunday July 21, 2013.

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in the next but Fognini got back to deuce and won the match when Delbonis sent a forehand wide. Fognini sank to his knees and pumped his fists, while a tired-looking Delbonis appeared dejected

after losing his first career final. Delbonis upset top-seeded Roger Federer in the semifinals, but the left-hander ran out of steam on a hot day. He began the week ranked No. 114 but is projected to

rise to No. 62 when the new rankings come out Monday. Fognini is set to improve six spots to No. 19. Fognini has 25 wins on clay this season, second only to Rafael Nadal's 38. □

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Recari hangs on down stretch to win Marathon

RUSTY MILLER

AP Sports Writer

SYLVANIA, Ohio (AP) — The head-to-head duel between Beatriz Recari and Paula Creamer in the final round of the Marathon Classic on Sunday was great theater.

Don't be surprised if there's a sequel.

Recari rolled in a 12-foot birdie putt on the 14th hole to take the lead for good and hung on to hold off Creamer for her third LPGA Tour title.

They started the day tied and spent most of the day trading the lead — as if it were match play. The duel in the heat in suburban Toledo might have been foreshadowing for when both players participate in next month's Solheim Cup at the Colorado Golf Club, Recari for the European side and Paula Creamer for the United States.

"Back and forth, back and forth," Recari said of their Sunday showdown. "It totally felt like the Solheim Cup."

Recari and Creamer, who won the tournament then known as the Jamie Farr Toledo Classic five years ago, started the day tied for first, three shots ahead of their nearest pursuers. They traded the lead — never sepa-



Beatriz Recari, of Spain, putts for parr on the first hole during the final round of the Marathon Classic golf tournament at Highland Meadows Golf Club in Sylvania, Ohio, Sunday, July 21, 2013.

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rated by more than one stroke — and were still even until Recari birdied the par-3 14th.

The 26-year-old Recari closed with a 5-under 66 to finish at 17-under 267. She

missed a 6-foot birdie putt on the 17th, but made a clutch 5-footer for par at the 18th.

Creamer, who was seeking her 10th career win and first since the 2010 U.S. Wom-

en's Open, finished with a 67. She said she gave it everything she had.

"My goodness, there were so many great shots played today," Creamer said. "Do I wish I could go back and maybe change a couple of things here and there? Yes. But I played great. Beatriz just played one shot better."

Next came Angela Stanford (67) and Jacqui Cocolino (70) at 19 under. Meena Lee had the day's low round, a 62, and was with amateur sensation Lydia Ko (68), Toledo-born Stacy Lewis (64), Jennifer Johnson (66) and Chie Arimura (71) at 9 under.

Playing in the same threesome, Creamer took the lead twice with birdies — on the third and fifth holes — and each time Recari came right back with a birdie on the next hole to knot things. At the seventh hole, Creamer hit her approach to 6 feet and appeared to have a certain birdie, but Recari rolled in a 15-footer before she could. Still in lockstep through 13 holes, there was a lot of fireworks on the 181-yard, par-3 14th. Recari hit her hybrid to 12 feet and Creamer's shot ended up 25 feet away. The third member of their group, Thompson,

the budding 18-year-old American star-in-the-making, then holed her 6-iron to win a new car. She slapped high fives with her caddie, then happily accepted congratulations from everyone along the rope line all the way to the green.

After Creamer almost rolled in her lengthy birdie putt, Recari took the lead for good by making hers.

The two then traded birdies at the par-4 16th. Creamer's wedge to the green left her just 3 feet away, but Recari rammed in a 25-foot uphill birdie putt to negate Creamer's eventual 3 on the hole.

"I had a really good read," Recari said. "I stroked it and the hole got in the way."

The drama continued at the 17th, the first of back-to-back par-5 closing holes. Creamer laid up with a wedge. Recari then pulled out a hybrid and uncharacteristically went for the green, pulling it slightly to the left where it ended up in the rough. Creamer then hit a wedge to 12 feet and Recari skied a flop shot that ended up 6 feet away. But after Creamer barely missed on the low side, Recari missed a chance to stretch the lead to two shots when she pushed her birdie try. □

Mickelson

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"We know that he goes for broke, and if that's how he was feeling and pulling it off, he's got the ability to do that," Scott said about Mickelson. "And he's gone and won an Open easily. So every credit to him."

At the end of a rough-and-tumble week along the Firth of Forth, Mickelson was the only player under par at 3-under 283. In his four other majors — three Masters and one PGA Championship — he had never started the final round more than one shot behind.

"I don't care either way how I got this trophy — I got it," Mickelson said. "And it just so happened to be

with one of the best rounds of my career, which is really the way I've played my entire career. I've always tried to go out and get it. I don't want anybody to hand it to me. I want to go out and get it. And today, I did." Westwood, whose only other 54-hole lead in a major ended with Mickelson winning the Masters, paid tribute to Lefty for what will go down as one of the great closing rounds in a major.

"When you birdie four of the last six of a round any day, that's good going," Westwood said. "With a decent breeze blowing and some tough flags out there, it's obviously a pretty good experience. When you do it in a major championship, it's an even better experience."



Tiger Woods of the United States, left, and Adam Scott of Australia shake hands after their final round of the British Open Golf Championship at Muirfield, Scotland, Sunday July 21, 2013.

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But this major? Phil Mickelson?

He had only contended twice in two decades at golf's oldest championship. One week after he won the

Scottish Open in a playoff on the links-styled course of Castle Stuart, Mickelson was simply magical on the back nine of a brown, brittle Muirfield course that

hasn't played this tough since 1966.

Tied for the lead, Mickelson smashed a 3-wood onto the green at the par-5 17th to about 25 feet for a two-putt birdie, and finished in style with a 10-foot birdie putt on the 18th to match the lowest score of this championship. "Those two 3-woods were the two best shots of the week, to get it on that green," Mickelson said. "As I was walking up to the green, that was when I realized that this is very much my championship in my control. And I was getting a little emotional. I had to kind of take a second to slow down my walk and try to regain composure." Mickelson figured a par on the 18th would be tough for anyone to catch him. □



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Froome rides to victory in 100th Tour de France

JOHN LEICESTER
AP Sports Writer

PARIS (AP) — I won't let you down like Lance Armstrong. This Tour de France champion is for real.

That, in so many words, is the promise Chris Froome made as the newest winner of cycling's showcase race so badly hurt over the years by riders who doped to win it.

Because of their deceit, Froome faced a barrage of questions as he dominated rivals over three weeks of racing, all centered on the same key concern: Can we believe in you?

Yes, he insisted. The sport is changing, he argued. He handled the scrutiny politely and adroitly. He said he understood the skepticism. And on the podium in Paris, his wiry frame wrapped in his canary yellow jersey, Froome asked the guardians of the 110-year-old race and all those who love it to trust him.

"This is one yellow jersey that will stand the test of time," he said.

In two years, Britain has had two different winners: Bradley Wiggins in 2012 and now Froome, a cooler, calmer, more understated but no less determined character than his Sky teammate with famous sideburns.

Froome rode into Paris in style: Riders pedaled up to him to offer congratulations; he sipped from a flute of champagne; a Tour organizer stuck an arm from his car window to shake Froome's hand. He dedicated his victory to his late mother, Jane, who died in 2008.

"Without her encouragement to follow my dreams I would probably be at home watching on TV," he said.

Froome took the race lead

on Stage 8 in the Pyrenees, never relinquished it and vigorously fended off rivals whose concerted challenges turned this 100th Tour into a thriller. Froome and his Sky teammates linked arms as they rode for the line.

"This is a beautiful country with the finest annual sporting event on the planet. To win the 100th edition is an honor beyond any I've dreamed," he said.

Five-time winners Eddy Merckx, Bernard Hinault and Miguel Indurain joined Froome on the podium. Missing, of course, was Armstrong. Stripping the serial doper of his seven wins tore a hole in the Tour's roll of honor as large as that left by World War II, when the race didn't take place from 1940-46.

None of the 100th edition's podium finishers — Froome, Nairo Quintana and Joaquim Rodriguez — have ever failed a drug test or been directly implicated in any of cycling's litany of doping scandals. That is an encouraging and notable departure both from the Armstrong era and many other Tour podiums before and since.

"In a way, I'm glad that I've had to face those questions. That after all the revelations last year and just the tarnished history over the last decade, all that's been channeled toward me now," Froome said. "I feel I've been able to deal with it reasonably well throughout this Tour, and hopefully that's sent a strong message to the cycling world that the sport has changed — and it really has."

"The peloton's standing together, the riders are united and it's not going to be accepted anymore."

The spectacular nighttime



Christopher Froome of Britain, wearing the overall leader's yellow jersey, toasts with Sky Procycling team manager David Brailsford of Britain, left, during the 21st and last stage of the 100th edition of the Tour de France cycling race over 83.4 miles with start in Versailles and finish in Paris, France, Sunday July 21 2013.
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ceremonies, with the Eiffel Tower in glittering lights and the Arc de Triomphe used as a screen for a flashing lightshow, capped what has been a visually stunning Tour.

It started with a first-ever swing through Corsica, France's so-called "island of beauty," before veering through the Pyrenees to Brittany and then across France to the race's crescendo in the Alps — 3,404 grueling kilometers (2,115 miles) in total.

Because of the unique late-afternoon start for the final Stage 21, the riders raced on the cobbles of the Champs-Elysees as the sun cast golden hues over the peloton and shadows lengthened over the dense, cheering crowds. Marcel Kittel won the final sprint on the avenue, the German's sprinter's fourth stage win of this Tour.

French Air Force jets in formation trailed red, white and blue smoke in the skies. The riders circled like a necklace around the Arc

de Triomphe in their bright colored team jerseys.

After setting off from the magnificent Versailles Palace, the former residence of three kings and their seat of power until the French revolution of 1789, the riders were granted the privilege of meandering through the chateau's manicured gardens, past lakes like mirrors, spurting fountains and statues looking on stonily.

Before the pace picked up sharply on the Champs-Elysees, Sunday's 133-kilometer (82-mile) ride was largely leisurely. The 169 finishers — from 198 who started — savored the pleasure of surviving the three-week ordeal.

Quintana, the 23-year-old Colombian who secured second place behind Froome with an impressive win on Saturday's penultimate Stage 20, laughed as third-placed Rodriguez tried to spark up a cigar in the saddle.

Froome's clear physical superiority made him over-

whelming favorite going into the Tour and carried him through it.

His winning margin of 4 minutes, 20 seconds was the largest since 1997, when Jan Ullrich — who has since admitted to doping — beat Richard Virenque — who also confessed to using performance-enhancers — by 9 minutes, 9 seconds.

Armstrong had larger margins of victory than Froome but those no longer count. Froome's three stage victories — in the Pyrenees, on Mont Ventoux in Provence and in a mountainous time trial — were the most for a Tour winner since Armstrong got five in 2004, results now annulled.

Sky team manager Dave Brailsford said the Tour is seeing "a new generation" of young riders who "have never lived in an era of doping."

Cycling's future "is in good hands with Chris, because he is an exceptional rider and an exceptional character." □



U.S. defeats El Salvador 5-1 in Gold Cup quarters



United States' Landon Donovan, center, reacts after scoring a goal against El Salvador during the second half in the quarterfinals of the CONCACAF Gold Cup soccer tournament, Sunday, July 21, 2013, in Baltimore. The United States won 5-1.

Associated Press

By DAVID GINSBURG
AP Sports Writer
BALTIMORE (AP) — The passes were sharp, the defense sound and the goals plentiful.

The United States couldn't have played much better, and the timing could not have been more perfect. Clarence Goodson and Joe Corona scored during an eight-minute span of the first half, and the U.S. cruised past El Salvador 5-1 Sunday to advance to the semifinals of the CONCACAF Gold Cup.

Eddie Johnson, Landon Donovan and Mix Diskerud added second-half goals for the Americans, who will play Honduras in Arlington, Texas, on Wednesday night.

Honduras beat Costa Rica 1-0 on Sunday night as part of a doubleheader be-

fore a sellout crowd at the home stadium of the Baltimore Ravens.

Assists aren't an official statistic in the Gold Cup, but Donovan set up three scores in a dazzling performance. "I think Landon proved again today how valuable he is and now he can make a difference," coach Jurgen Klinsmann said. "This game was important for coaches to see who is a difference maker. Overall, we see our team clicking more and playing better and better." To say the least.

The U.S. has won nine straight full internationals — a record for the country's national team. The Americans have also prevailed in seven of their last eight Gold Cup matches, the exception being a 4-2 loss to Mexico in 2011 final.

"We are trying to catch up with the big teams in the world," Klinsmann said. "It's all about speed. I'm not talking about physical speed. I'm talking about mental speed, passing speed with every player going both ways. That's what we're working to. This is a process and I think that process is coming along." Rodolfo Zelaya scored for El Salvador, 1-19-7 overall against the U.S.

"Collectively, they're a very good team," El Salvador coach Agustin Castillo said through a translator. "They almost play by memory. They can find the spaces. It almost seems like every time they pass the ball into a space it's going to nobody, then somebody appears and actually meets the ball. Good work, good movement." □



Gold medalists Patrick Hausding and Sascha Klein from Germany perform during the men's 10-meter platform final at the FINA Swimming World Championships in Barcelona, Spain, Sunday, July 21, 2013.

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Germany's Klein, Hausding win gold in 10-m synchro

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BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — German pair Sascha Klein and Patrick Hausding won the gold medal in the men's synchronized 10-meter platform on Sunday, bringing an end to China's run of three consecutive titles at the swimming world championships.

The silver medalists from the 2011 worlds and 2008 Olympics proved to be the most consistent twosome through all six rounds to win the tightly contested final with a score of 461.46 points.

Russian duo Victor Minibaev and Artem Chesakov took silver with 445.95, while Olympic champions Cao Yuan and Zhang Yanquan of China had to settle for bronze with 445.56.

"It feels just awesome to be here right now," Hausding said. "I was dreaming about being a world champion all my diving life, and today it finally

happened. Nobody can take that away from me.

"It's just positive feelings and positive motivation for the next two or three years until the Rio (Olympics in 2016)."

So while China won't be able to duplicate its sweep of all 10 diving golds from the 2011 worlds in Shanghai, Russia remains on target to sweep all seven titles in synchronized swimming again.

Svetlana Kolesnichenko and Svetlana Romashina were flawless to the tune of "Michael Forever," the Michael Jackson tribute, winning the duet technical with 97.300 points. Romashina opened the synchro competition Saturday by winning the solo technical.

Chinese twins Jiang Tingting and Jiang Wenwen took silver with 94.900 and Ona Carbonell and Margalida Crespi gave Spain their second consecutive bronze with 93.800. □



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In this Sept. 15, 2012 file photo, Ryan Hunter-Reay, left, and team owner Michael Andretti celebrate his season victory in the MAVTV IndyCar World Championships auto race at Auto Club Speedway in Fontana, Calif.

Associated Press

JENNA FRYER,
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Andretti Autosport announced it has signed on as the third team to compete in the environmentally friendly FIA Formula E championship, which will feature electric cars racing in 10 cities around the world beginning in 2014.

Michael Andretti's two-car operation will join China Racing and British-based Drayson Racing as organizations already committed to a field that will have 10 two-car teams competing in each e-Prix.

"We're in the business of racing and we've been looking for opportunities to diversify, and when we were contacted about this we felt it was something we needed to look into," Andretti told The Associated Press. "The more we looked into it, the more interested we got. We like the relevancy of the series because one of the problems auto racing is starting to face — and is going to face more of in the future — is relevancy.

"I think relevancy is going to be addressed with the electric cars. It's a good way to hook our younger audience into racing, and I'm excited to be involved and be involved at the

ground floor."

Andretti plans to run one car for the championship, while his second entry could be a "star car" that uses well-known drivers such as IndyCar reigning champion Ryan Hunter-Reay, Marco Andretti or James Hinchcliffe based on their availability.

The races will be held September 2014 to June 2015 for a "winter season" on street courses that run through the heart of major cities around the world. Alejandro Agag, CEO of series promoter FEH, said there will be stops in Miami and Los Angeles on the 10-race schedule, making it important to have Andretti involved in the series debut.

"Andretti is a great name in motorsport, and when we launched the championship, we said we wanted to have a geographically diversified grid and for us, the U.S. and China are our two key markets in the world," Agag told the AP. "In the U.S., we really need a strong team to lead the way and we think there is no better name than that for America that Andretti. And globally because it's very American, but at the same time it's a world-known name.

Andretti Autosport to run in electric car series



Brazilian driver Lucas di Grassi steers a Formula E racecar through Berlin, Germany, Thursday July 11, 2013. FIA says on their Formula E homepage demonstration runs of the Formula E cars will start in 2013, followed by the championship in 2014 with an objective of 10 teams and 20 drivers participating in the competition.

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"Everybody knows Andretti everywhere, so for us it was really a priority to speak with Andretti and invite them into the championship."

Andretti Autosport currently fields four IndyCar entries, and cars in Indy Lights, the Pro Mazda Championship and in the USF2000 National Championship. The team has won four IndyCar championships, to Lights titles, one USF2000 championship and its drivers have won two Indianapolis 500s. Michael Andretti raced more than 20 years in CART and Formula One, winning 42 CART races, which ranks third in American open-wheel history. His father, Mario Andretti, ranks second with 52 victories.

In Formula E, teams will have two drivers and four series-provided single-seater electric cars in the first season. Renault has signed on as the car manufacturer, but Agag said series officials expect three to

five manufacturers in the second season based on current conversations. Michelin is the tire supplier.

"A lot of the sponsors are saying we are looking for something that is going to tick the box on sustainability, and we're finding many big corporations are saying they need to go toward sustainability in sponsorship," Agag said of interest in the series.

The car batteries will last up to 25 minutes at a time, so drivers will have to switch cars during the race while their batteries recharge. The driver will enter the pits, then get out of the car and run 100 meters to get into the freshly charged car.

The cars will be based in England with teams arriving at the venues in advance of the race to prepare the cars for competition.

In an effort to keep costs down — Agag said the operating budget for a season is \$3.5 million, money Andretti is seeking to cover

through sponsorship — very little development will be allowed on the cars.

"They don't want to have a whole lot of development in the actual car, they want the development to go into the electric technology," Andretti said. "They are really going to control that side of it with the rules that you can't do a lot to the cars."

The final calendar for the debut season will be presented to the FIA in September for approval and also has planned stops in London, Rome, Beijing, Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires, Putrajaya, Bangkok and Berlin. Agag said the races will be around major city landmarks, and the events will be stand-alone and not held in conjunction with any other series.

"The main point is to be fully sustainable with zero emissions, so if you bring in combustion cars you are destroying that message," Agag said. □



While the U.S. Justice Department continues its years-long investigation of large Wall Street banks for possible collusion in the huge and opaque credit default swaps market, Europe says its inquiry found that entities controlled by banks there violated antitrust rules in markets for credit default swaps.

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Morgenson Column: Piercing The Wall Street Fog

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Back in 2009, the Justice Department said it was investigating the large Wall Street banks for possible collusion in the huge and opaque credit default swaps market. The question was whether the big financial institutions had worked to keep transactions in these insurance-like instruments closed to competitors and more profitable for themselves.

Not much has come out on the case since then, leading some participants in the market to wonder whether this is yet another matter the Justice Department has let slide. A Justice Department spokesman said its investigation was continuing.

Thankfully, though, we might yet learn what actually went on behind the scenes in this trillion-dollar market. Investigators for European regulators are hot on the trail and a handful of pension funds have recently filed two lawsuits against the big banks dominating the swaps arena. These investors contend that they overpaid when they bought and sold the instruments - to the tune of billions each year - because of the banks' control of the market.

On July 1, the antitrust division of the European Commission announced that its investigators had come to

a "preliminary conclusion" that the banks and two entities controlled by them had infringed European antitrust rules. These entities colluded, the commission said, "to prevent exchanges from entering the credit derivatives business between 2006 and 2009." Credit default swaps were at the center of the financial crisis. These instruments allow holders of bonds or other debt to hedge their risks in those positions. But the swaps also let speculators bet on a debt issuer's default. The swaps almost felled the American International Group, an insurance giant, and were embedded in some of the stinkiest mortgage securities ever wrought.

But the market for these swaps has been conducted in the shadows. Trades were made over-the-counter - between private parties and not on an exchange. This meant that participants' positions were not disclosed to regulators. Wall Street likes the fog of over-the-counter markets because the profits generated by executing customers' trades in them are far greater than in more transparent arenas. Think of the way you might shop for a mortgage: If mortgage rates were not publicly available, it would be hard to know whether the rate one banker offered was competitive. □

Opening Bell:

Investors lured off the beaten path

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AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Bulgaria, the United Arab Emirates and Pakistan. An itinerary for a traveler with a flair for languages or a list of scenes for a spy thriller set during the Cold War? Neither. It turns out they're among the countries with the best-performing stock markets in the world this year. And the success of these so-called frontier markets, mainly in Asia and Africa, has attracted U.S. investors eager to find the next set of rapidly growing countries now that Brazil and other emerging markets have fallen into a slump.

"These places might scare some people," says Russ Koesterich, global chief investment strategist at the money-management giant BlackRock. "But they're seeing some of the fastest growth in the world."

People had a similar response when investors were dabbling in emerging markets during the 1990s, Koesterich says. "Brazil and India — those used to be scary places, too."

Unlike the U.S. and Europe or even emerging markets like China and Brazil, frontier-market countries are a grab-bag group with little connection to each other. But they have a few things in common. They're small, growing quickly and some, like Kuwait and Qatar, are rich. Many of them shunned the outside world for years and are slowly opening their doors to outside investments.

Thanks to rapid economic growth, the MSCI Frontier Market index has gained 22 percent over the past 12 months. That compares with a 3 percent rise for MSCI's emerging market index, and 25 percent for the Standard & Poor's 500, the benchmark U.S. stock index. Investing in frontier markets carries plenty of dangers. Argentina's government could decide to take over more private companies and leave investors with nothing. The war in Syria could spill into

Lebanon and Jordan, upending their thriving markets. Cote d'Ivoire, Pakistan and many of the 37 frontier countries have had coups, wars and other turmoil over the past two decades.

"Buying into them has to be a long-term play," says Jack Ablin, chief investment officer at BMO Private Bank. "You have to take some leaps of faith."

The steady rise of their stock markets has apparently helped investors put aside their worries. They've dropped money into fron-

kets are largely insulated from problems plaguing bigger countries, said Sean Lynch, the global investment strategist for Wells Fargo Private Bank.

When stock and bond markets in the U.S. and Europe were rattled by talk that the Federal Reserve would withdraw some of its support for the U.S. economy, many countries' currencies sank against the dollar. But Lynch noticed that frontier countries' currencies held up.

Why? As a group, these



An employee feeds a camel a carrot at Camelicious farm in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. The UAE is among the countries with the best-performing stock markets in the world this year, luring investors away from previously emerging markets such as Brazil now seen as slumping.

(AP Photo/Kamran Jebreili)

tier market funds week after week, raising the total to \$3 billion so far this year, according to EPFR Global, a company which tracks the flow of investment funds. That's triple the amount deposited in them last year and just shy of the full-year record of \$3.07 billion in 2010. Cash has streamed in so quickly that Franklin Templeton's \$1.3 billion frontier fund has decided to start turning away new investors. Its top holdings include a Romanian oil and gas producer, OMV Petrom, and a batch of companies from Qatar and other countries on the Persian Gulf.

Last month, Wells Fargo's private banking group, which manages \$170 billion in clients' money, took its first step into the frontier, pulling a portion of its money out of emerging-markets like Brazil, China and India and putting it into countries like Pakistan and Vietnam. A key reason for the move was that the frontier mar-

less-developed countries aren't as tied to the world's developed economies. Their industries are growing by selling to customers at home or nearby. Kenya's East African Breweries Ltd., for example, has most of its customers in neighboring African countries.

"They really seem impervious to what's happening on the main stage," says Ablin. The main attraction for investors is the rapid economic growth. In theory, it should pull many people in those countries out of poverty, and as they begin to spend their higher pay on refrigerators and mobile phones, local businesses should flourish.

"A lot of them have growing populations and expanding workforces, and they don't just rely on exports of food or oil," Lynch says. "Look at Vietnam. They traditionally exported coffee, seafood and rice. Now they're making high-end machinery." □

Big US banks are resisting safeguards

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The nation's six largest banks reported \$23 billion in profits in the second quarter, but they could end up victims of their own success.

In recent weeks, the Treasury Department, senior regulators and members of Congress have stepped up efforts intended to make the largest banks safer. The banks have warned that more regulation could undermine their ability to compete and curtail the amount of money they have to lend, but the strong earnings that came out over the last week could undercut their argument.

The most pressing concern for banks is a relatively tough new rule that regulators proposed last week that could force banks to build up more capital, the financial buffer they maintain to absorb losses. But the banks did not demonstrate any difficulty in meeting the proposed rules, and the banks now appear to have fewer allies in Washington than at any time since the financial crisis. This was highlighted last week when the Treasury secretary, Jacob J. Lew, effectively issued an ultimatum to Wall Street, calling for the swift adoption of rules introduced through the Dodd-Frank financial overhaul law, which Congress passed in 2010. Lew also said he might be open to stricter measures if enough has not been done to remove the threat that big banks can pose to the wider economy.

"If we get to the end of this year, and cannot, with an honest, straight face, say that we've ended 'too big to fail,' we're going to have to look at other options because the policy of Dodd-Frank and the policy of the administration is to end 'too big to fail,'" Lew said. □

SMART MONEY:

If You're A Bond Investor, Beware Of The Seesaw

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The Securities and Exchange Commission issues frequent bulletins about what it calls "investment frauds and scams" - a frightening taxonomy of plots and stratagems aimed at separating investors from their money.

The agency's alerts range from warnings of Madoff-style Ponzi schemes to "pump and dump" operations intended to temporarily

inflate a stock price. They also include cautionary notes about polite offers of assistance from predators posing as government regulators. Lately, though, the SEC has been giving a warning of a different sort. Bearing the general title "Interest Rate Risk," this latest bulletin is a cry for understanding. It's about bonds, and for most people, the subject is confounding.

The problem isn't a new scam but a lack of knowledge about how bonds work, which can be dangerous in a time of rising interest rates. In its bulletin, the agency points out that investors need to understand that when rates rise, bond prices generally fall. This inverse relationship is a fact of life in the bond market. Like gravity in the physical world, it's constant, powerful and important. But outside trading floors, business schools, banks and brokerage firms, bond dynamics are fairly obscure,

surveys find. That's troubling in a time like this, said Lori Schock, director of the agency's Office of Investor Education and Advocacy. "We're not predicting what's going to happen to interest rates or when," she said, "but we do know that rates can't go much lower. And we know that they can go a lot higher."

If interest rates do go higher, most people don't understand how that will affect bonds. A 2012 financial

est rates sitting on one side of a plank and bond prices clinging to the other. When one side rises, the other falls.

That's just the way seesaws work, and it might be enough explanation. But suppose you want to go a little deeper: Why do interest rates and bond prices move like this?

Here's one way to understand it: When you buy a fixed-rate bond, you are making a loan. In return,

for yield, buying bonds that you think are going to pay you more interest, only to see rates go up further, so the value of your bonds will fall," Schock said.

Many people are in danger of getting hurt this way.

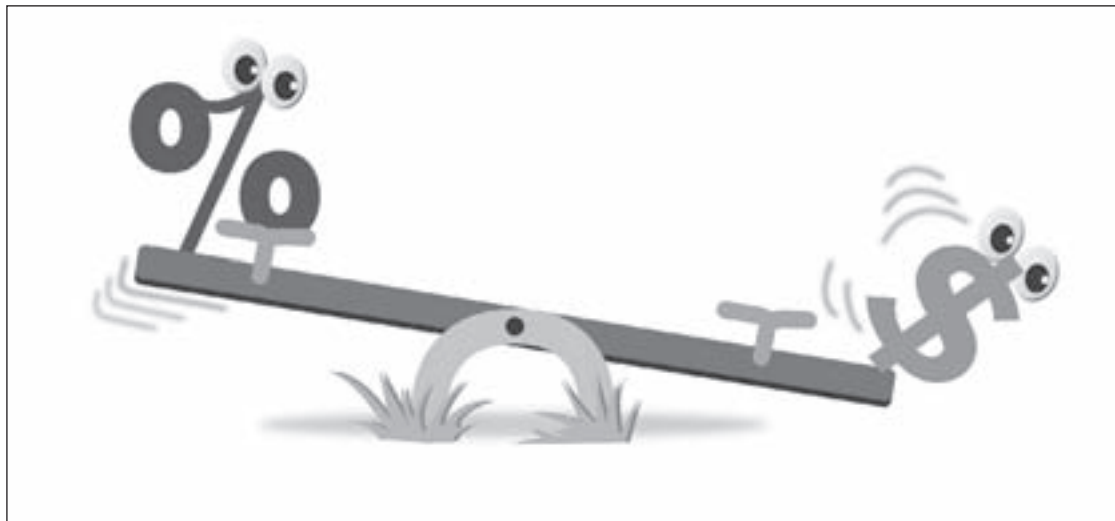
"We're concerned that many people might mistakenly think that there's safety in investing in bonds," she said, "when there's actually a fairly good chance of running into trouble with interest rate risk now."

Even Treasury bonds are affected by interest rate risk, although the federal government backs these bonds and will pay all the principal and interest if you hold them to maturity. Such high-quality bonds are safe in many ways, especially in comparison with other assets.

Bond prices are generally less volatile than stock prices, and a major bond market decline is likely to be much less severe than a major fall in the stock market. Bonds can provide steady income and - whether held individually or in a mutual fund - can play an important role in a diversified portfolio, buffering against stock fluctuations. But when market rates rise, you'll run into a pricing problem if you need to sell a bond - or if you hold Treasuries in a mutual fund, where they are priced daily. All things equal, your mutual fund will fall in value as yields rise.

Interest rates on Treasuries - and a range of other bonds - have already risen sharply, and a broad consensus of market analysts says they are likely to rise further in the years ahead. Historically, rates are still relatively low, largely in response to the policies of the Federal Reserve. The Fed has been buying \$85 billion of bonds a month, but it is considering an end to those purchases.

Bond yields gyrated last week in response to congressional testimony by Ben Bernanke, the Fed chairman, who said Fed action was "by no means on a preset course." □



The Securities and Exchange Commission has a basic reminder for investors enticed by rising interest rates on bonds: When rates climb, prices fall.

(Minh Uong/The New York Times)

literacy survey by the Finra Investor Education Foundation asked this question: "If interest rates rise, what will typically happen to bond prices?" Prices will fall, but only 28 percent of adult Americans in the survey answered correctly. Finra ran the same survey in 2009 and got the same results.

The Finra survey found that financial literacy levels were generally very low. On its website, it offers a five-question quiz, with questions drawn from the survey - none requiring computations, just an understanding of basic concepts. Only 14 percent get them all right, it says. (The average number of correct answers is between two and three.)

As far as bonds go, Schock said, one way to visualize the relationship of interest rates and prices is to think of what she calls "a teeter-totter." She's from Indiana. In Queens, where I come from, we call it a seesaw. Whatever you call it in your playground, imagine inter-

you get your money back, plus interest. When market interest rates rise, the bond drops in value. That's because, under current conditions, anyone making the same loan will expect more interest than you've gotten. If you want to trade the old bond for a new one, the old one will have less value. And when something sold in the marketplace has less value, its price usually falls. There are exceptions to every rule, of course. If the bond's interest rate isn't fixed and instead re-adjusts as market rates change, the seesaw analogy doesn't hold. And the prices of different kinds of bonds shift differently. But the seesaw captures the basic idea.

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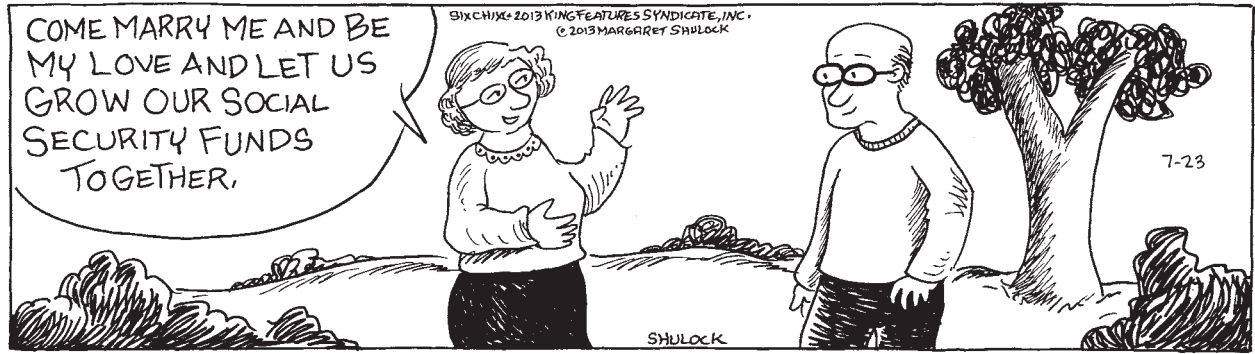
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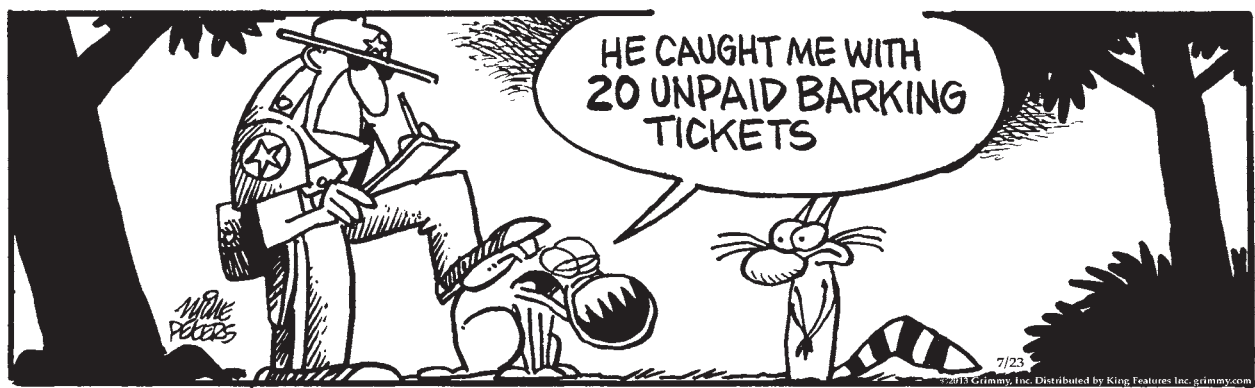
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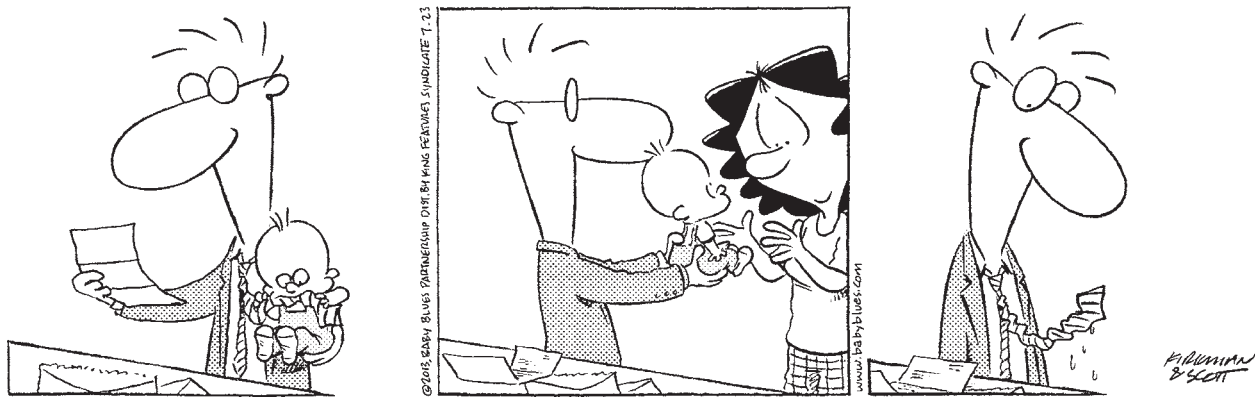
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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- 6 Snatch
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- 15 Attract; draw
- 16 Part of the ear
- 17 Sparkle
- 18 Engrave
- 19 Lie next to
- 20 Depots
- 22 Fight against
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- 25 Shine
- 26 ___ column; backbone
- 29 Birch tree with catkins
- 30 As ___ as the hills
- 31 Agreement with a landlord
- 33 Bugs' associate
- 37 Hairless
- 39 Blues singer ___ Washington
- 41 Heap
- 42 Derisive smile
- 44 Jeans fabric
- 46 Mediterranean or Caribbean
- 47 Apple drink
- 49 One of Santa's reindeer
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- 56 Immensity
- 60 Evergreen tree
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- 63 Neighbor of Montana
- 64 Get ___; take revenge
- 65 Part in a movie
- 66 Burr or Spelling
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- 2 Sword handle
- 3 ___ code; start of a phone number

- 40 Animal pelts
- 43 Ceremony
- 45 Visitor from another planet
- 48 Abandon
- 50 Ice cream parlor order
- 51 Fight off
- 52 Popeye's love
- 53 Adjusts a piano
- 54 Walked the floor
- 56 Contemptible
- 57 All ___; listening
- 58 Injection
- 59 "My Three ___" of old TV
- 62 Luau dish

Hemingway's early life seen in scrapbook

BRIDGET MURPHY
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Long before Ernest Hemingway first wrote a story, his mother was busy writing about him. Grace Hall Hemingway started a series of scrapbooks documenting the childhood of the future Nobel and Pulitzer Prize winner by describing how the sun shone and robins sang on the day in July 1899 when he was born.

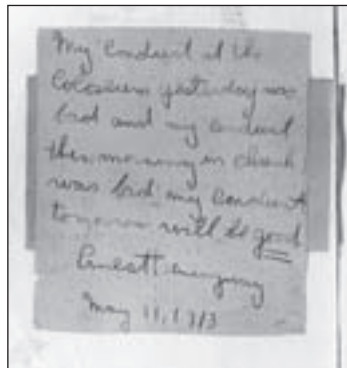
Starting Sunday, the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Boston will make the content of five Hemingway scrapbooks available online for the first time, giving fans and scholars the chance to follow the life of one of the 20th century's literary greats from diapers to high school degree.

Hemingway Collection curator Susan Wrynn said much of the content hasn't been made available to the public before and only a few researchers have seen it in its entirety. The fragile leather-bound volumes have been kept in a dark vault for about four decades to keep them from falling apart.

The release of these records from the archive, home to 90 percent of existing Hemingway manuscript materials, will come on what would have been the scribe's 114th birthday. "I think it will be a very rich resource for people interested in learning about this period of his life," Sean Hemingway, the author's grandson, said in an interview with The Associated Press. "He had tremendous talent. It must have been there from the beginning. So I'm sure there are clues in there to that."

Pennsylvania State University professor Sandra Spanier, who is general editor

of a project that will publish Hemingway's letters in more than a dozen volumes, said the scrapbooks that the author's mother created offer details of his daily life up until age 18 that aren't anywhere else. "She almost made their lives into a story ... and I think that carries over into his life and his fiction," she said.



This photo provided July 17, 2013, by the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library shows a personal note and signature of Ernest Hemingway from a scrapbook created by his mother, Grace Hall Hemingway, at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library in Boston. The JFK Library and Museum in Boston has digitized pages from five scrapbooks that the mother of Ernest Hemingway made to document his early life.

(AP Photo/JFK Presidential Library)

There's a scribbling from when Hemingway wasn't quite 3 years old that the future war correspondent and novelist — who later won a Pulitzer Prize for "The Old Man and the Sea" — told his mother depicted the roaring sea. Other early passages also hinted at the writer Hemingway would become.

Before he was 4, Hemingway was trooping into the woods to go hunting with his father and "using long words" and making "sage remarks," according to his mother, who enclosed

photos of her son trout fishing and holding his own rifle.

"Can cock my own gun," one of her captions read.

By the time Hemingway was 5, his mother noted that he was collecting war cartoons and had an appreciation for characters with courage.

"He loves stories about Great Americans," she wrote.

The scrapbooks have a plethora of family photos from the Hemingway family's home in Oak Park, Illinois, and their vacation cottage on a lake in Northern Michigan, including shots of a bare-bottomed baby Hemingway playing in the water by a canoe.

They include letters to Hemingway and others he wrote as a child, including a note of contrition in which he confessed to bad behavior in church. □

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King David's palace found, says Israeli team

MAX J. ROSENTHAL

Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — A team of Israeli archaeologists believes it has discovered the ruins of a palace belonging to the biblical King David, but other Israeli experts dispute the claim.

Archaeologists from Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Israel's Antiquities Authority said their find, a large fortified complex west of Jerusalem at a site called Khirbet Qeiyafa, is the first palace of the biblical king ever to be discovered.

"Khirbet Qeiyafa is the best example exposed to date of a fortified city from the time of King David," said Yossi Garfinkel, a Hebrew University archaeologist, suggesting that David himself would have used the site. Garfinkel led the seven-year dig with Saar Ganor of Israel's Antiquities Authority.

Garfinkel said his team found cultic objects typically used by Judeans, the subjects of King David, and saw no trace of pig remains.

Pork is forbidden under Jewish dietary laws. Clues like these, he said, were "unequivocal evidence" that David and his descendants had ruled at the site. Critics said the site could



This undated aerial photo released by the Israel Antiquities Authority shows the archeological site in Khirbet Qeiyafa, west of Jerusalem.
Associated Press

have belonged to other kingdoms of the area. The consensus among most scholars is that no definitive physical proof of the existence of King David has been found.

Biblical archaeology itself is contentious. Israelis often use archaeological findings to back up their historic claims to sites that are also claimed by the Palestinians, like the Old City of Jerusalem. Despite extensive archaeological evidence, for example, Palestinians deny that the

biblical Jewish Temples dominated the hilltop where the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, Islam's third-holiest site, stands today.

In general, researchers are divided over whether biblical stories can be validated by physical remains. The current excavators are not the first to claim they found a King David palace.

In 2005, Israeli archaeologist Eilat Mazar said she found the remains of King David's palace in Jerusalem dating to the 10th

century B.C., when King David would have ruled. Her claim also attracted skepticism, including from Garfinkel himself.

Using carbon dating, the archaeologists traced the site's construction to that same period. Garfinkel said the team also found a storeroom almost 50 feet long, suggesting it was a royal site used to collect taxes from the rest of the kingdom.

Garfinkel believes King David lived permanently in Jerusalem in a yet-undis-

covered site, only visiting Khirbet Qeiyafa or other palaces for short periods. He said the site's placement on a hill indicates that the ruler sought a secure site on high ground during a violent era of frequent conflicts between city-states.

"The time of David was the first time that a large portion of this area was united by one monarch," Garfinkel said. "It was not a peaceful era."

Archaeologist Israel Finkelstein of Tel Aviv University agreed that Khirbet Qeiyafa is an "elaborate" and "well-fortified" 10th century B.C. site, but said it could have been built by Philistines, Canaanites or other peoples in the area.

He said there was no way to verify who built the site without finding a monument detailing the accomplishments of the king who built it. Last week, for instance, archaeologists in Israel found pieces of a sphinx bearing the name of the Egyptian pharaoh who reigned when the statue was carved. Garfinkel insisted that critics like Finkelstein are relying on outdated theories.

"I think other people have a collapsed theory and we have fresh data," he said. □

U.S. study: Fracking chemicals didn't taint water

KEVIN BEGOS

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A landmark federal study on hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, shows no evidence that chemicals from the natural gas drilling process moved up to contaminate drinking water aquifers at a western Pennsylvania drilling site, the Department of Energy told The Associated Press.

After a year of monitoring, the researchers found that the chemical-laced fluids used to free gas trapped deep below the surface stayed thousands of feet (1,000 feet equals 300 meters) below the shallower areas that supply drinking water, geologist Richard

Hammack said.

Although the results are preliminary — the study is still ongoing — they are the first independent look at whether the potentially toxic chemicals pose a threat to people during normal drilling operations. But DOE researchers view the study as just one part of ongoing efforts to examine the impacts of a recent boom in oil and gas exploration, not a final answer about the risks.

Drilling fluids tagged with unique markers were injected more than 8,000 feet (2,400 meters) below the surface but were not detected in a monitoring zone 3,000 feet higher. That means the potentially

dangerous substances stayed about a mile (1,600 meters) away from drinking water supplies.

"This is good news," said Duke University scientist Rob Jackson, who was not involved with the study. He called it a "useful and important approach" to monitoring fracking, but he cautioned that the single study doesn't prove that fracking can't pollute, since geology and industry practices vary widely in Pennsylvania and across the nation.

The boom in gas drilling has led to tens of thousands of new wells being drilled in recent years, many in the Marcellus Shale formation that lies under parts of

Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio and West Virginia. That's led to major economic benefits but also fears that the chemicals used in the drilling process could spread to water supplies.

The mix of chemicals varies by company and region, and while some are openly listed the industry has complained that disclosing special formulas could violate trade secrets. Some of the chemicals are toxic and could cause health problems in significant doses, so the lack of full transparency has worried landowners and public health experts. Over the last four years the debate over fracking chemicals has attracted

tremendous attention from state and federal agencies, public health experts, and opponents of fracking. Yet while many people have focused on the potential threat from the chemicals, experts have come to believe that more routine aspects of the drilling process are more likely to cause problems. Poor well construction that allows excess gas to escape, spills of chemicals or other fluids that take place at the surface, and disposal of wastewater are all issues of concern. Jackson said most of the problems that the Duke researchers have seen have been related to well construction, not fracking chemicals. □

Kelly Rowland gets maritime escort back to shore

PROVINCETOWN, Massachusetts (AP) — The Coast Guard says singer Kelly Rowland was among the passengers on a private boat escorted back to Cape Cod after the captain became disoriented. Lt. Ruairi White tells the Cape Cod Times that the boat's captain was following a commercial whale-watching vessel Friday, lost sight of the boat and became disoriented north of Provincetown.

The Coast Guard directed a commercial towboat operator to escort the private vessel back to Provincetown.

TowBoat U.S. Provincetown says on its Facebook page that the boat was 33 miles north of Provincetown. It says the passengers "were



In this Thursday, April 18, 2013 file photo, singer Kelly Rowland attends the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony at the Nokia Theatre, in Los Angeles. Associated Press

great. Just a little shook up."

Rowland is a founding member of Destiny's Child, where Beyonce launched her career. The group briefly reunited this year when Rowland and Michelle Williams joined Beyonce for a Super Bowl performance. □

Reports: 'Glee' plans Monteith tribute, hiatus

FRAZIER MOORE
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — "Glee" executive producer Ryan Murphy is planning a tribute episode to honor the series' deceased star, Cory Monteith.

In remarks to news outlets published Saturday, Murphy said the tribute would address the death of Finn, the character Monteith played on the Fox network high school musical series. That show will be the season's third episode, following two episodes that had already been written.

Then the series will go on a hiatus to reassess its direction, Murphy said.

The body of 31-year-old Monteith was found last weekend in a Vancouver, British Columbia, hotel room. Tests showed he died of an overdose of heroin and alcohol.

On "Glee" he played high school quarterback and glee club member Finn Hudson, who had graduated and moved on to col-

lege but was an adviser to his old club and remained part of the show.

Finn also had an off-and-on romance with fellow student and singer Rachel, played by his real-life girlfriend Lea Michele.

Monteith had been candid about his struggles with addiction, which included a rehab stint several months before his death.

Murphy said he had helped stage an intervention in his office for Monteith last March.

"He wanted to continue working and we said, 'That's not an option. No. The TV show doesn't matter, your life matters,'" Murphy told the Eonline website.

Monteith's rehab began soon thereafter.

Murphy also spoke with Deadline, the Hollywood Reporter and TV Line.

On Friday, Fox announced the series would return for its fifth season on Sept. 26, a week later than originally scheduled. □



In this publicity image released by Warner Bros. Pictures, Lili Taylor portrays Carolyn Perron, left, and Joey King portrays Christine in a scene from "The Conjuring." Associated Press

'The Conjuring' scares up \$41.5M to top box office

SANDY COHEN
AP Entertainment Writer

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Moviegoers were ready for a fright this weekend, sending "The Conjuring" into first place at the box office, while "R.I.P.D." became the summer's latest big-budget action film to bite the dust.

"The Conjuring," a haunted-house thriller from Warner Bros., debuted with \$41.5 million in North American ticket sales, according to studio estimates Sunday. Starring Vera Farmiga, Lili Taylor, Patrick Wilson and Ron Livingston, "The Conjuring" unseated two-week box-office champ "Despicable Me 2," which dropped to second place with \$25 million.

"The Conjuring" was among four new releases tempting moviegoers this weekend. The newest animated offering, Fox's "Turbo," opened with \$21.5 million, good for third place. Fox's head of domestic distribution, Chris Aronson, characterized the opening as "a very promising start," noting that the film won't

open in Europe until the fall.

But Universal's big-budget crime caper "R.I.P.D." opened with a disappointing \$12.76 million. The film reportedly cost more than \$130 million to make, compared to only about \$19.5 million for "The Conjuring." Starring Jeff Bridges and Ryan Reynolds, "R.I.P.D." joins the year's other mega-budget summer flops, including "Pacific Rim," "White House Down," "After Earth" and "The Lone Ranger."

Overall box office totals are up, though, said Paul Dergarabedian of box-office tracker Hollywood.com.

"Despite the fact there have been some high-profile, high-budget flops, the summer to date is up 12 percent from last year," he said. "For mid-July, to have a modestly budgeted horror film top the weekend tells you how important it is for audiences to have options."

The Adam Sandler-produced Sony comedy "Grown Ups 2," starring

Kevin James, Chris Rock, David Spade and Salma Hayek, held onto fourth place in its second week of release, earning \$20 million.

Summit Entertainment's "Red 2," which stars Bruce Willis and Helen Mirren as retired CIA operatives, debuted in fifth with \$18.5 million.

"The Conjuring" was originally set for release in the winter, but audience tests proved so positive that the studio moved the film to the heat of summer movie season.

"It was really a bold choice, no question about it," said Jeff Goldstein, Warner Bros. executive vice president of theatrical distribution. "With three other movies against us this week with high price tags and high expectations associated with them, this result is even more impressive."

Still, there was no chance for this weekend's movies to match box-office totals for the same weekend last summer, when "The Dark Knight Rises" opened with \$161 million domestically. □

Kids' book 'The Snowy Day' is focus of U.S. exhibit

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PHILADELPHIA (AP) — During the height of the civil rights movement, a gentle book about a black boy in a red snowsuit crunch-crunch-crunching through the snow broke down racial barriers and now is the subject of an upcoming exhibit.

Ezra Jack Keats' beloved 1962 book, "The Snowy Day," is credited as the first mass-market children's storybook to feature a black protagonist — a preschooler named Peter joyfully exploring the snow-covered sidewalks in his New York City neighborhood.

The National Museum of American Jewish History is presenting a retrospective, "The Snowy Day and the Art of Ezra Jack Keats," from July 19 to Oct. 20.

The exhibit includes more than 70 original works, ranging from preliminary sketches to final paintings and collages.

"We wanted to marry the strength of the show as an art exhibition with the significance of the book in children's literature," museum curator Josh Perelman said.



In this Wednesday, July 10, 2013 photo, chief curator Josh Perelman speaks during an interview with The Associated Press as perorations are made for The Snowy Day and The Art Of Ezra Jack Keats exhibition at the National Museum of American Jewish History, in Philadelphia.

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"We really wanted the exhibit spaces to feel alive ... to feel like being in a children's book."

The son of Jewish immigrants from Poland, Keats was born Jacob Ezra Katz in New York City's Brooklyn borough in 1916 and grew up in poverty.

Artistically gifted but unable to attend art school, he started out working as

a sign painter, comic book background illustrator and Works Progress Administration muralist before creating children's books.

"Keats drew a considerable amount on the fact that he experienced prejudice in his own life and he had a sensitivity to what it felt like to be marginalized," Perelman said. "He also had a worldview that

embraced extending that sensitivity toward other people who may feel marginalized as well."

Peter's world was also a reflection of Keats' own environment, Perelman said, "the city streets where he felt comfortable, where he called home and that happened to be inhabited by working-class and poor folks and by African-Ameri-

can folks."

"That's who he felt should be in his books. This isn't 'Eloise,'" he said, referring to the children's book character who lives in Manhattan's posh Plaza Hotel with her nanny.

"It's a very different New York City."

Awarded the prestigious Caldecott Medal in 1963, "The Snowy Day" has been published in at least 10 languages. It is on the Library of Congress' list of "Books That Shaped America" and is rated by teacher and librarian groups as one of the all-time top children's books.

"If you look at children's literature previous to 'The Snowy Day,' there are very few positive examples of publications for African-American children," Perelman said, "and there's a whole lot of very derogatory, stereotypical and outright racist material."

Keats, who died in 1983, illustrated more than 85 books. In six more books after "The Snowy Day," readers followed Peter growing up from a kindergarten-age boy to an adolescent. His race was never mentioned. □

With prospect of CBS blackout, Time may suggest Aereo

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As another television programming blackout looms, this time because of a high-stakes negotiation between CBS Corp. and Time Warner Cable, there is a new wrinkle, courtesy of Aereo, the startup that streams broadcast TV via the Internet.

The contract dispute between CBS and Time Warner Cable is the first to unfold in the New York metropolitan area since Aereo came to market there last year. Last week, the companies warned that if the dispute was not resolved by Wednesday, CBS could be taken away from 3 million of Time Warner Cable's 12 million subscribers.

Enter Aereo. The service, backed by Barry Diller and a number of other venture capitalists, uses giant ar-

rays of antennas to pick up freely available television signals and stream them to the phones, computers and other screens of paying subscribers. By relying on the antennas, Aereo avoids paying the kinds of retransmission fees distributors like Time Warner Cable pay to broadcasters like CBS — an approach that Aereo says is legal, but that the broadcasters say is not.

Analysts have theorized that distributors could exploit Aereo, or a service like it, to avoid paying increasingly steep retransmission fees. Such fees are at the heart of the fight with CBS. While Time Warner Cable does not seem ready or willing to deploy Aereo-like technology, talking points that it has prepared indicate that it will recommend Aereo to its New

York subscribers if CBS is blacked out. The distributor may also underline that Aereo, which normally costs \$8 a month, offers a 30-day free trial. (The talking points also mention that many CBS shows are available online on a delayed basis, and that "all of CBS' broadcast TV programming is available free over-the-air," so subscribers can use antennas.)

Time Warner Cable is treading carefully because Aereo is the subject of several lawsuits filed by major media companies. In this case, its invocation of Aereo might be particularly corrosive because CBS has helped lead the charge against Aereo in the courts.

To date, the service has been upheld by the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, in New York; last

week, in its third victory there, the appeals court declined to hear the broadcasters' appeal.

Emboldened by the rulings, Aereo recently expanded to Boston and Atlanta; its next market is Chicago, it says, with many more to come. But it has not announced any plans in the West Coast markets covered by the 9th Circuit Court, where a service similar to Aereo was rejected in December. Given the uncertain state of play, Aereo is of limited use to Time Warner Cable currently; along with New York, the fight with CBS affects subscribers in Los Angeles, Dallas and several smaller markets.

David Bank, a media analyst for RBC Capital Markets, said he would not be shocked if the distributor somehow used Aereo to

skirt the blackout, or encouraged subscribers to do so. But he wrote in an email Sunday: "I think it would be more of 'negotiating tactic' than a real business solution."

A CBS spokesman declined to comment. In a statement last week about the potential blackout, the company, whose broadcast network is the highest-rated network in the United States, said it "remains committed to working towards a mutually agreeable contract."

"This conflict just further highlights the importance of having alternatives in the marketplace," Chet Kanojia, the chief executive of Aereo, said in a statement. "It's also a great reminder that consumers have the right to watch over-the-air television using an antenna. □

Hitting China's Wall



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All economic data are best viewed as a peculiarly boring genre of science fiction, but Chinese data are even more fictional than most. Add a secretive government, a controlled press and the sheer size of the country, and it's harder to figure out what's really happening in China than it is in any other major economy.

Yet the signs are now unmistakable: China is in big trouble. We're not talking about some minor setback along the way, but something more fundamental. The country's whole way of doing business, the economic system that has driven three decades of incredible growth, has reached its limits.

You could say that the Chinese model is about to hit its Great Wall, and the only question now is just how bad the crash will be. Start with the data, unreliable as they may be.

What immediately jumps out at you when you compare China with almost any other economy, aside from its rapid growth, is the lopsided balance between consumption and investment.

All successful economies devote part of their current income to investment rather than consumption, so as to expand their future ability to consume. China, however, seems to invest only to expand its future ability to invest even more.

America, admittedly on the high side, devotes 70 percent of its gross domestic product to consumption; for China, the number is only half that high, while almost half of GDP is invested.

How is that even possible? What keeps consumption so low, and how have the Chinese been able to invest so much without (until now) running into sharply diminishing returns? The answers are the subject of intense controversy.

The story that makes the most sense to me, however, rests on an old insight by the economist W. Arthur Lewis, who argued that countries in the early stages of economic development typically have a small modern sector alongside a large traditional sector containing huge amounts of "surplus labor" - underemployed peasants making at best a marginal contribution to overall economic output.

The existence of this surplus labor, in turn, has two effects. First, for a while such countries can invest

heavily in new factories, construction and so on without running into diminishing returns, because they can keep drawing in new labor from the countryside. Second, competition from this reserve army of surplus labor keeps wages low even as the economy grows richer.

Indeed, the main thing holding down Chinese consumption seems to be that Chinese families never see much of the income being generated by the country's economic growth. Some of that income flows to a politically connected elite; but much of it simply stays bottled up in businesses, many of them state-owned enterprises.

It's all very peculiar by our standards, but it worked for several decades. Now, however, China has hit the "Lewis point" - to put it crudely, it's running out of surplus peasants.

That should be a good thing. Wages are rising; finally, ordinary Chinese are starting to share in the fruits of growth.

But it also means that the Chinese economy is suddenly faced with the need for drastic "rebalancing" - the jargon phrase of the moment. Investment is now running into sharply diminishing returns and is going to drop drastically no matter what the government does; consumer spending must rise dramatically to take its place.

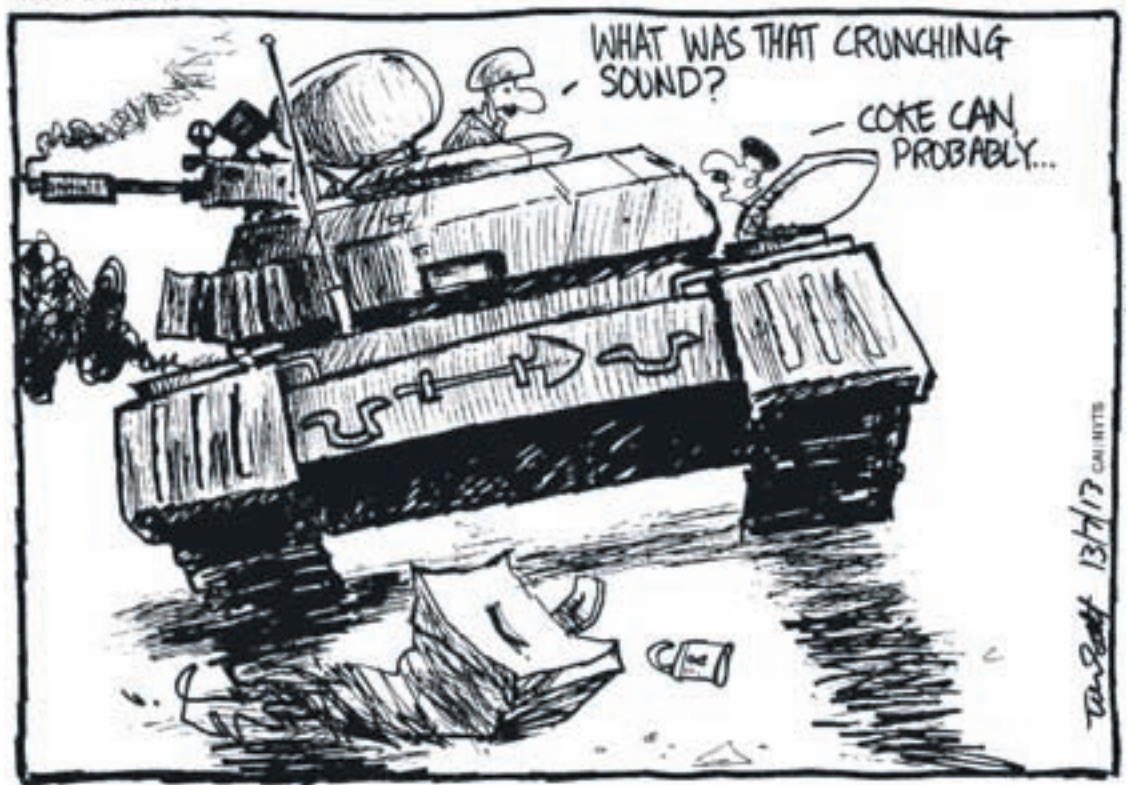
The question is whether this can happen fast enough to avoid a nasty slump.

And the answer, increasingly, seems to be no. The need for rebalancing has been obvious for years, but China just kept putting off the necessary changes, instead boosting the economy by keeping the currency undervalued and flooding it with cheap credit. (Since someone is going to raise this issue: No, this bears very little resemblance to the Federal Reserve's policies here.) These measures postponed the day of reckoning but also ensured that this day would be even harder when it finally came. And now it has arrived.

How big a deal is this for the rest of us? At market values - which is what matters for the global outlook - China's economy is still only modestly bigger than Japan's; it's around half the size of either the U.S. or the European Union. So it's big but not huge, and, in ordinary times, the world could probably take China's troubles in stride.

Unfortunately, these aren't ordinary times: China is hitting its Lewis point at the same time that Western economies are going through their "Minsky moment," the point when overextended private borrowers all try to pull back at the same time, and in so doing provoke a general slump. China's new woes are the last thing the rest of us needed.

No doubt many readers are feeling some intellectual whiplash. Just the other day we were afraid of the Chinese. Now we're afraid for them. But our situation has not improved. □



Was Blind, But Now She Sees



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BAMAKO, Mali - When you begin to go blind from trachoma, the first thing you feel is an eyelash scraping your eye.

As for the horror of leprosy, it often begins with a puzzling rash. Among the first signs of polio are fatigue, vomiting and back pain. Yet these diseases are on their way out. We in journalism mostly focus on problems, but one of the remarkable changes in the developing world has been the decline of these ancient scourges.

When I first traveled through West Africa, as a student backpacker more than 30 years ago, I was haunted by the beggars disabled by blindness, leprosy and polio. Now I'm on my annual win-a-trip journey with a university student, Erin Luhmann of the University of Wisconsin, and she is encountering a fundamentally improved landscape than the one I saw when I was her age.

Take blindness. It has many causes, but one of the most painful is trachoma, which turns the eyelid inward. The lashes then continuously scrape the cornea. "My eyes felt as if someone had thrown a handful of sand in them," Nawara Souko, who suffered from trachoma for years,

told us. Her husband is dead, and, without sight, she found it difficult to farm or care for her five children. Three died.

Then Nawara received a 15-minute surgery from a public nurse trained by Helen Keller International, an American aid group. Sometimes the surgery, which straightens the eyelid, comes too late to restore vision. In Nawara's case, the operation ended the pain - and she could see again. Erin and I watched trachoma surgeries in a village 100 miles west of the Malian capital of Bamako. Villagers who for years had endured agony - one woman compared it to childbirth, except that it goes on for years - had their lives transformed.

Yagare Traoré said she had spent years in her hut, unable to farm or care for her 11 children, six of whom died. Then she received the surgery, and, after the bandage was removed, a boy stepped forward to guide her home.

"Get out of my way!" she recalled telling him. "I can see! I can walk by myself!"

The cost of this surgery here in Mali is less than \$40 per person, according to Shawn Baker of Helen Keller International. So the next time you hear that humanitarian aid is "money down a rat hole," well, think of Yagare Traoré.

Prevention of trachoma is even cheaper. Train villagers in improving hygiene and distribute antibiotics at a cost of less than \$1 per person, and trachoma disappears so that people don't even need surgery.

Then there's polio: Only 223 cases were reported last year, down from 350,000 in 1988. Islamist extremists in Nigeria and Pakistan have murdered vaccination workers, but the disease is still inching toward eradication.

A third triumph is leprosy. It can cause hideous disfigurement, including the loss of fingers, toes, ears and the nose, as well as blindness.

Yet a cheap three-drug therapy cures leprosy easily, and a new blood test simplifies diagnosis. The progress is stunning. In 1985, there were 5.2 million people worldwide with leprosy, and now there are fewer than 200,000.

Unfortunately, not everyone gets treated in time. One of our saddest encounters on this win-a-trip journey with Erin was with a 10-year-old boy named Muhammad Bako who had already lost toes and fingers to leprosy.

"I'm fine," Muhammad told us, but he didn't look it. He walks awkwardly with crutches, and his eyes burn with fear and the unfairness of it all.

Muhammad is being treated at a 57-year-old leprosy hospital in Niger run by SIM, a Christian missionary organization.

The hospital receives about one new leprosy case a month, down from more than 500 a quarter-century ago.

The progress goes far beyond these three ailments. The number of children dying worldwide before the age of 5 has plunged from 12 million in 1990 to 6.9 million in 2011.

As the disease burden declines, the economy surges. Africa is now booming economically, and six of the 10 fastest-growing economies in the world are on the continent. Don't think of Africa as a place to pity, but as a place to invest.

Journalists and humanitarians understandably focus on unmet needs, and that can leave the impression that the story of global health is a depressing one of failure. In fact, it's an inspiring story of progress. We need to do more, especially against AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis, but one of the great achievements of humanity in recent decades has been the marginalization of ancient and dreaded diseases.

That's why it's possible for me to travel with Erin in some of the most impoverished countries in the world, and feel a glow of hope. □

Belgians celebrate Philippe, the new king of Belgium

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BRUSSELS (AP) — Belgians shouted "Long live the king" Sunday to welcome their new monarch to the throne on a sunny national holiday. But several legislators from northern Flanders boycotted King Philippe I's coronation, highlighting longstanding feuding between the nation's Dutch-speaking Flemings and Francophones — the biggest challenge the new monarch will face. In his first speech as king

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started when Philippe's father, the 79-year-old Albert, signed away his rights as the kingdom's largely ceremonial ruler at the royal palace in the presence of Prime Minister Elio Di Rupo, who holds the political power in this 183-year-old parliamentary democracy. Less than two hours later, the nation got its seventh king when Philippe, 53, pledged to abide by Belgium's laws and constitution. Big crowds of royalists and well-wishers cheered the royal family's every move Sunday, from a

group, the Flemish Interest party, boycotted the parliamentary ceremony, while the legislature's biggest party, the N-VA New Flemish Alliance, sent only a limited delegation. "We are full-blooded democrats and the purest form of democracy is the republic," said Jan Jambon, the parliamentary leader of the N-VA alliance, which has surged to become the main opposition party seeking Flemish independence through democratic transition. It wants the new king not to have any role in co-

couple, flanked by huge bouquets of white roses, lilies and gerbera, appeared for the midday official palace's balcony scene, cheered by some 10,000 well-wishers braving the relentless sun. President Barack Obama sent the new king congratulations. "The president also sends his heartfelt appreciation to King Albert II for his warmth, service, and leadership as he steps down after nearly 20 years," the U.S. government statement said. "Belgium is a

contested as a worthy successor of Albert, but after years of wooden and awkward public performances, the silver-haired, bespectacled monarch came over as poised on the day he had been groomed for all of his adult life.

"Belgium is modernizing itself and it gives me joy," Albert said as he signed away his rights as the kingdom's largely ceremonial ruler at the royal palace. Albert announced his abdication plans less than three weeks ago, so there was little time to turn the occasion into a huge international event. No foreign royals were at the ceremony. Since the royal transition coincides with Belgium's national day celebrations, a military parade had already been planned.

Philippe will face a tough task in the coming months. The nation holds parliamentary elections in June 2014 amid calls, led by the N-VA, for even more autonomy for the language groups. And perhaps even less power for the king himself. Up to now, the monarch is still involved in government formation talks by picking go-betweens and brokers to set up multiparty coalitions reaching across the linguistic divide.

Anti-royalists consider even that too much power. "There is only one place where he belongs and that's in fairytales," said Michel Mischeenaker, an anti-royalist activist who stood outside the church where Sunday's ceremonies started.

After the last elections in 2010, it took a record 541 days to form a government amid bickering about how much more power should be sapped from the central state to profit the separate language groups.

Unlike his five predecessors, Albert tried to avoid politics as much as possible and Philippe is expected to do likewise.

Philippe has prepared for the monarchy as a leader of foreign trade delegations over the past two decades. □



From right, Belgium's Queen Paola, King Albert II, Prince Emmanuel, Princess Elisabeth, King Philippe, Prince Gabriel, Queen Mathilde, Princess Eleonore and Queen Fabiola wave to the crowd as they stand on the balcony of the royal palace in Brussels on Sunday, July 21, 2013. Philippe has taken the oath before parliament to become Belgium's seventh king after his father Albert II abdicated as the head of this fractured nation. Earlier Sunday, the 79-year-old Albert signed away his rights as the kingdom's largely ceremonial ruler at the royal palace in the presence of Prime Minister Elio Di Rupo, who holds the political power in this 183-year-old parliamentary democracy. (AP Photo/Geert Vanden Wijngaert)

shortly after his father King Albert II abdicated, Philippe made no attempt to paper over those cracks, instead casting the country's division between its 6 million Dutch-speaking Flemings and 4.5 million Francophones as one of its strengths.

"The wealth of our nation and our institutions consists in turning our diversity into a strength," he said after taking his oath of office at the country's parliament. The ceremony capped a day of transition which

morning Catholic ceremony to an impromptu dusk balcony scene 13 hours later, with the once-timid Philippe kissing new Queen Mathilde several times under a full moon to augur in a sultry night of celebration in the royal park.

"We have lived through a beautiful day," Philippe told thousands of evening revelers. "Let's be proud of our beautiful country." Far from everybody in Belgium was happy with the new king. One Flemish separatist

alition negotiations to form a new government, not be head of the armed forces and not sign any laws.

The small N-VA delegation highlighted one of the biggest challenges Philippe will face in his reign — how to remain relevant as a unitary symbol in a nation ever more drifting apart between the prosperous northern Flemings and the economically struggling southern Francophones. Briefly, at least, the differences took a back seat Sunday as the new royal

valued friend of the United States, and the president looks forward to continuing to deepen this bond in the years to come."

Unlike a disturbance during the oath-taking by King Albert II 20 years ago, when one legislator shouted "Long live the European Republic," Sunday's ceremony in the packed legislature went off without a hitch, with Albert and Philippe's wife, Queen Mathilde, looking on as he confidently took the oath. Philippe has long been